

**EXPRESS INVESTIGATION - PART 1**

## Bihar's flagship scheme gave tap water to poor — and contracts worth ₹53 crore to Dy CM's family, aides

BJP stalwart Tarkishore Prasad's daughter-in-law, firms linked to his brother-in-law, allotted multiple contracts in his home district under Har Ghar Nal Ka Jal scheme



**SANTOSH SINGH**  
KATIHAR, SEPTEMBER 21



At a project site of Jeevanshree Infrastructure Pvt Ltd in Katihar. Deputy CM Tarkishore Prasad's aide Prashant Chandra Jaiswal is one of the company's directors

sage of good governance, a four-month-long investigation by *The Indian Express* has revealed.

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**PART II: FROM EX-MINISTER TO JD(U) STATE LEADER, ALL GOT CONTRACTS**

## ‘Nothing wrong with doing business’

THE INDIAN EXPRESS asked Bihar Dy CM Tarkishore Prasad about Har Ghar Nal Ka Jal contracts for his family and firms linked to his aides. Excerpts:

**On political patronage involved in contracts awarded to daughter-in-law Puja Kumari and two companies linked to associates:** “We have just one contract, that of my daughter-in-law. That, too, is complete now. We are in business, should we not do it? ...who



else is doing work (under Har Ghar Nal Ka Jal), I have no idea. My daughter-in-law has four units (wards); she and my son are doing the project.”

**On his brother-in-law Pradeep Kumar Bhagat being a director of Deepkiran Infrastructure, which got contracts under the scheme:** “It is ok. He is related and belongs to the same social category.”

**On his alleged involvement**

**with Deepkiran Infrastructure and Jeevanshree Infrastructure (Three of his aides are directors in Jeevanshree):** “I am not even distinctly connected. These are big companies.”

**On conflict of interest:** “There are a total of 2,800 units in Katihar; my family has got just four. There's nothing wrong with doing business. One must ensure that there should not be any irregularity... I have asked my son not to do any government work as it would create unnecessary problems.”

**EXPLAINED**

**8,387 GRAM PANCHAYATS**

**1.08 LAKH WARDS**

**143 URBAN AND LOCAL BODIES**

Drinking Water Programme.

Essentially, Har Ghar Nal Ka Jal is a cluster of four state schemes under various categories that were launched to provide clean drinking water through taps in urban and rural

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**FIRST IN-PERSON QUAD MEETING**

## As PM heads to US, Foreign Secy says AUKUS won't impact Quad

AUKUS security alliance, Quad a plurilateral group of like-minded nations: Shringla

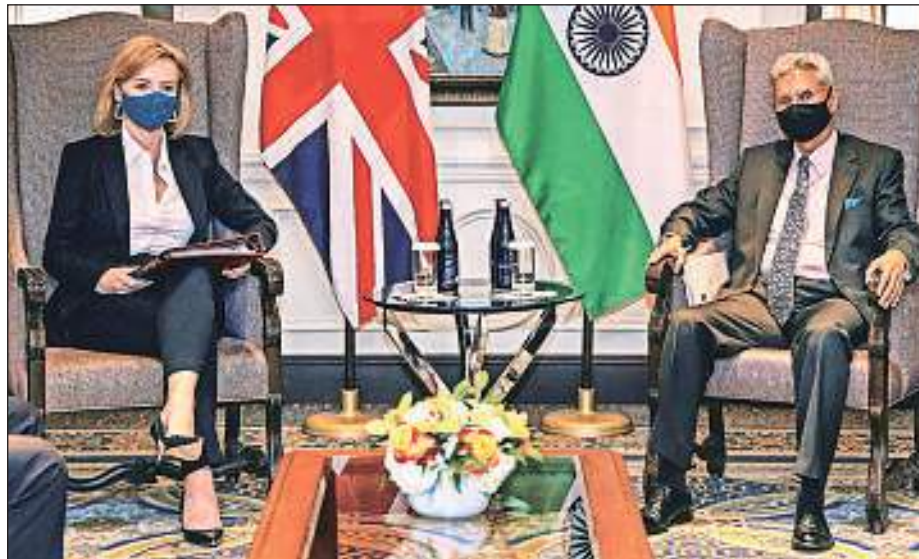
**SHUBHAJIT ROY**  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

A DAY before Prime Minister Narendra Modi leaves for the US to attend the first in-person Quad leaders' summit and meet US President Joe Biden, India — in its first reaction to the Australia-UK-US (widely referred to as AUKUS) deal — said the two are “not groupings of a similar nature” and since India is not a party to AUKUS, it is neither relevant nor will it have any impact on the Quad.

This was spelled out by Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla, while responding to questions on the possible impact of the AUKUS on the Quad. He sought to make it clear that while AUKUS is a “security alliance”, Quad is a “plurilateral grouping of like-minded countries that have a shared vision of their attributes and values”.

Last week, the US, UK and Australia signed a new trilateral security alliance for the Indo-Pacific in an attempt to counter China's growing assertiveness in the region. The pact, termed AUKUS, is expected to help Australia acquire nuclear-powered submarines in a bid to counter China's growing power in the strategically vital region. France, which lost out on a USD 65 billion submarine deal with Australia and had not been notified about the AUKUS alliance, reacted angrily and called it a

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External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar with UK Foreign Secretary Liz Truss in New York. PTI

## Saarc: Ministers' meet called off as Pakistan wants Taliban at table

**SHUBHAJIT ROY**  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

THE SAARC foreign ministers' meeting, which was planned to be held on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly session in New York this week, has been called off over Afghanistan's participation.

Sources said Pakistan wanted to keep an “empty chair”, and was against the participation of representatives from the previous Ashraf Ghani regime. According to sources, if the meeting was held, a representative from Afghanistan's mission at the UN in New York could have attended it.

Pakistan is learnt to have pro-

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posed that a Taliban representative should also be part of the meeting. The proposal was shot down by the remaining mem-

bers. This was in view of the fact that the new Taliban regime has not yet been recognised by governments across the world, and they have also not approached the UN for credentials.

There was, however, no agreement on this issue among the SAARC members. Sources said this “lack of consensus” led to the cancellation of the SAARC foreign ministers' meeting.

Nepal's foreign ministry on Tuesday sent a letter to the SAARC secretariat, saying that “due to the lack of concurrence from all member states as of today, the informal meeting of the SAARC council of ministers proposed to be held in person on September 25 on the sidelines of

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Nameplate at official residence was broken. Anil Sharma

## Owaisi's Delhi home vandalised by Hindu Sena men, 5 held

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

HYDERABAD MP Asaduddin Owaisi's official residence in New Delhi's high-security Ashoka Road area was vandalised on Tuesday by a group of Hindu Sena men who damaged the door and windows, broke the nameplate, hurled an axe at the house and called the Parliamentarian a “jihadi”. Five men were arrested from the scene, police said. “We picked them up from

the spot and they claimed during initial questioning that they were agitated with his (Owaisi's) comments. We are questioning them further.” DCP (New Delhi district) Deepak Yadav told *The Indian Express*.

All five men are residents of Northeast Delhi's Mandoli area, Yadav said.

A senior police officer said, “The men claim they work for the Hindu Sena in Delhi. They said they heard Owaisi's recent speeches, and believed he had made ‘anti-Hindu’ remarks.”

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## Temple row: Karnataka passes Bill to protect religious structures

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
BENGALURU, SEPTEMBER 21

FOLLOWING days of furore over the demolition of a temple in Mysuru on September 10 identified as an illegal construction, the Karnataka government Tuesday night passed a Bill to protect all standing religious structures. It also blamed “over-enthusiastic officials” for the Mysuru demolition and claimed it was unaware of it.

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**ARMY CHOPPER CRASHES IN JAMMU, 2 KILLED**

**FIR AGAINST MAHANT DISCIPLINE FOR SUICIDE ABETMENT**  
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While the Congress and JD(S) criticised the Karnataka Religious Structures (Protection) Bill, saying the BJP government was acting under pressure from right-wing groups, the legislation passed without any opposition.

The temple, located in Nanjangud area of Mysuru, had been demolished in line with High Court directions over removal of illegal religious structures, in turn based on Supreme Court orders in this regard.

Introduced in the Assembly

by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, the Bill stated its purpose as “protection of religious constructions on a public place constructed before the date of commencement of this Act, in order to protect communal harmony and not hurt the religious sentiments of the public”.

Bommai said since the Supreme Court issued orders in 2009 for removal of illegal religious structures from public places, 130 such constructions

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## 9-year-old's rape-murder: Accused sexually assaulted her in the past too, say police

**ANAND MOHAN J**  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

RADHEY SHYAM, the priest at a Delhi crematorium where a nine-year-old Dalit girl was allegedly raped and killed before being hurriedly cremated, had allegedly sexually assaulted her in the past, the police chargesheet filed in the case states.

Shyam, 55, and three other

employees — Kuldeep Singh, 63, Laxmi Narayan, 48, and Salim Ahmed, 49 — are under arrest in the case.

The accused had claimed that the girl died of electrocution while fetching water from a cooler, while her family had alleged that the men raped her and when she died, they hurriedly cremated the body.

Police have relied on disclosure statements of the accused,

public witnesses and CCTV footage to frame charges against the accused.

According to the police chargesheet, Shyam told police that on August 2, he spotted the girl, who, he claimed, used to visit the crematorium to drink water and sometimes bathe. The chargesheet quotes him as saying that he had in the past got her to give him massages, and also showed her pornographic con-

only the second successful infiltration attempt since India and Pakistan reached a ceasefire on February 25, as per the Army.

The infiltration attempt, launched late on Saturday night, coincided with the fifth anniversary of a suicide attack on the Army's brigade headquarters in Uri in north Kashmir. It is also the first since the Taliban rode to power in Afghanistan, triggering apprehensions of a fallout in the

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## Record heroin haul in Kutch: Probe expands, Chennai couple in custody

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
AHMEDABAD, SEPTEMBER 21

IN WHAT MIGHT be one of the single biggest hauls of heroin in the country -- amounting to nearly 3,000 kg, worth Rs 21,000 crore — a court in Bhuj has sent a couple arrested from Chennai on 10-day remand. Six persons, including Afghan nationals, held in Delhi with cocaine and heroin in their possession on Tuesday are being probed for possible links to the case, sources said.

The heroin believed to be from Afghanistan was discovered at Mundra port in Kutch district on September 16 in two shipping containers imported from Bandar Abbas Port in Iran, by Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) Ahmedabad zone officials, acting on a tip-off.

Sources said multiple searches are ongoing in Ahmedabad, Gandhidham and Mandvi of Gujarat as well as Delhi and Chennai, and that “involvement

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**SHAJU PHILIP**  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, SEPTEMBER 21

“Our hands and legs are not tied... If the party has become person-oriented in recent years, it should be brought back on the right track... We are ensuring that there is space for women and their voices.”

FATHIMA THAHILIYA is determined to take the battle forward.

“I am going to form a collective of like-minded women within the Indian Union Muslim League to fight as a corrective force within the party as well as

the community. The name will be announced soon,” says the 30-year-old lawyer from Kozhikode in Kerala.

Thahiliya was the face and voice of Haritha, the women's wing of the IUMML's student outfit Muslim Students Federation, which was disbanded last month after it raised charges of sexual harassment against some male MSF leaders.

Last week, she was sacked from the post of MSF national vice-president for accusing the party's leadership of trying to hush up the allegations.

Thahiliya hails from a conservative family of IUMML support-

ers but remains unfazed. “Our hands and legs are not tied. I am merely an ordinary member of the IUMML now. I take the removal (from the MSF leadership) in a positive manner,” she says.

That's not all. This post-graduate in law is also aiming to spearhead a reform movement of sorts within the IUMML, which is an influential constituent of the Congress-led UDF that was in power in Kerala until 2016.

Referring to the IUMML leadership, which is dominated by the Malappuram-based Panakkad Thangal family, she says: “The IUMML is not person-oriented, and the values of democracy are en-



Last week, Fathima Thahiliya was sacked as national vice-president of IUMML's student outfit. Express

shrined in its Constitution. If the party has become person-oriented in recent years, it should be brought back on the right track. The party should become more democratic.”

Thahiliya was the first state president of Haritha, when it was formed in 2012. Until then, women supporters of IUMML did not have a platform on college campuses. Yet, Haritha had raised eyebrows within the party since its own women's wing, Vanitha League, had failed to make much of an impact.

“Recognition for Haritha came later when we helped MSF increase its footprint on cam-

puses and wrest several college unions. But still, we had to wait till last year's local body elections to get our women fielded as candidates,” says Thahiliya.

Two months ago, Haritha leaders alleged that during a meeting of MSF office-bearers in June, three leaders — state president P K Navas, Malappuram district president M Kabeer and district general secretary V A Wahab — allegedly made vulgar remarks against them.

But with the party failing to take action, the Haritha leaders filed a complaint with the state women's commission in August. Angered by the move, IUMML re-

taliated by first freezing the wing's state committee for “discipline”, triggering protests in several MSF campus units, and finally disbanding it.

“Those in responsible roles in IUMML were spreading canards and indulging in character assassination. When the party said you should shut your mouth, we reacted openly. That helped society realise what has been going on,” says Thahiliya.

According to her, Haritha did not question the leadership but only wanted to make the political space gender neutral, and ensure “space for women and their

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# Sisodia makes pitch to boost capital’s exports

EXPRESSNEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

DELHI DEPUTY Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said Tuesday that “flaws in the country’s trading system, because of which computers had to be exported in the category of typewriters for seven years after export started, had to be fixed to encourage trade and entrepreneurship.

“Today, there is a major flaw in the government software systems that is not willing to accept new reforms and immediately shows an error. This problem needs to be immediately rectified... This is the reason why it took seven years for the country’s first computer to be exported by the name of a computer, as for these seven years it was kept in the category of ‘typewriters,’” Sisodia said.

He was speaking at a discussion with entrepreneurs on improving export opportunities and production in the national capital. Sisodia also said that a change in the mindset of students, alongside changes in trade laws and practices was needed to change the mindset from that of job seekers to job creators. “The sad reality is that students are studying with a mindset to grab jobs as soon as they complete their graduation. Students are brainwashed to become job seekers instead of job providers. If our students only run in the direction to attain jobs in the corporate or IT sector, then who will create jobs for the country?” he said.

Industries Minister Satyendar Jain said



Flagged flaws in trading system

that there was neither lack of opportunities nor a lack of space in Delhi and blamed DDA for not giving land to industries or allowing them to work. “The export business in Delhi requires quite a lot of space and this space cannot be created within the city all of a sudden. 30 years ago a policy of Decentralization of Services was formulated, at that time, thousands of people travelled from one place to another within Delhi, now that figure has gone up to lakhs. All governments should remove restrictions from export industries, and let businesses prosper and grow,” he said.

# Woman from Kyrgyzstan, son found dead in Kalkaji

EXPRESSNEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

A 28-YEAR-OLD woman from Kyrgyzstan and her one-year-old son were found dead inside a house in Southeast Delhi’s Kakaji on Tuesday morning. Police said the woman, Myskal Zhumabaeva (28), was five months pregnant. She and her son Manas were found with multiple stab injuries inside her friend’s apartment.

A murder case has been registered but police are yet to make arrests. A senior police officer said several people are being questioned and “they are giving different versions”.

According to police, on Monday night, Myskal had an argument with her husband Vinay Chauhan, after which he left home to meet a friend, Wahid. Myskal, meanwhile, complained of stomach ache and called her friend Matluba Madusmonova, an Uzbek national, who took her to hospital with an-

other friend, Avinish. Afterwards, Matluba took Myskal and her son to her house in Kalkaji, where they were found dead in the morning.

RP Meena, DCP Southeast, said, “Chauhan called the PCR in the morning and said his wife and child had been killed in Kalkaji. We found the two inside a bedroom with multiple stab wounds. A crime team and the FSL visited the spot and collected samples. Chauhan told us it was Matluba who called him in the morning and informed him about the deaths.”

Police said the couple had been married for two years and lived in Greater Kailash. Police have recovered a kitchen knife from the spot. During questioning, Matluba told police that she lives in Kalkaji with her friend Shaina, and that Avinish also stayed with them overnight.

“She told us she and her friends were together while Myskal and her son went to sleep. In the morning, she found the two dead and informed Chauhan,” said police.

# Two minors dead, one injured as tractor rams motorcycle

EXPRESSNEWS SERVICE  
GURGAON, SEPTEMBER 21

TWO TEENAGERS were killed while one was injured after a tractor allegedly hit their motorcycle in village Bidhuki, Palwal on Tuesday evening. Police have registered an FIR against the tractor driver, who is absconding. Two police teams have been formed to trace the accused.

Police said the deceased have been identified by first names as Kuldeep and Krishan,

both aged 15. Their friend, Sandeep, 14, suffered injuries and was rushed to a nearby hospital for treatment. All three hail from Hulwana village, Mathura district in UP, said police. According to police, the incident was reported around 6.30 pm, when the three were returning to their village on a motorcycle.

Sajjan Singh, DSP Hodal, said, “As per preliminary information, the minors were passing through Bidhuki when a tractor coming from the opposite side hit their motorcycle. Two boys came under the tractor.”

# Waiting for auto, two women killed in hit-and-run

EXPRESSNEWS SERVICE  
NOIDA, SEPTEMBER 21

A WOMAN and her daughter died after allegedly being hit by a vehicle near Noida’s Mahamaya flyover on Sunday night. The victims, Neeraj Sharma and Anjali Sharma, were waiting for a public transport vehicle near the flyover when the incident took place. Police have obtained information on the accused through eyewitness accounts and a broken number plate.

“A call was made by passersby in Sector 37 that two persons had been injured by a speeding car on Sunday night. They were taken to Kailash Hospital for treatment. We have raided the premises of the accused and the entire family is absconding. Further investigation is pending,” said Rajiv Baliyan, Sector 39 station house officer (SHO).

According to officials, Ramkaran Sharma, his wife Neeraj, and daughter Anjali were returning to their home in Sector 101 from Mathura after a religious function. The mother and daughter were standing on the pavement’s curb while Ramkaran was trying to hail an auto when a Scorpio rammed into the three of them. The car skidded as it traversed the footpath, injuring the two women. Both of them sustained heavy injuries on the lower parts of their bodies. The speeding SUV tried to reverse onto the road and hit Ramkaran as well, he told police. As the crowd began to circle in, the car sped towards the flyover, they said.

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# Central Vista: Waqf Board wants protection of its properties, approaches High Court

EXPRESSNEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 2

THE DELHI Waqf Board has approached the Delhi High Court for protection and preservation of different religious properties situated in and

around places where works under the Central Vista Redevelopment Project are taking place. The six properties including five mosques are more than 100 years old, said the petition.

Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva Tuesday adjourned the hearing of the case to September 29 after Solicitor General

Tushar Mehta sought time to seek instructions. The court earlier observed that any stay on the project will not be possible on account of orders passed by higher courts. Senior Advocate Sanjoy Ghose, representing the Waqf board, clarified they were not seeking a stay on the project.

OFFER OPENING PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT UNDER REGULATION 18(7) OF SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA (SUBSTANTIAL ACQUISITION OF SHARES AND TAKEOVERS) REGULATIONS, 2011, AS AMENDED (“SEBI (SAST) REGULATIONS”) AND CORRIGENDUM TO THE DETAILED PUBLIC STATEMENT FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE PUBLIC SHAREHOLDERS OF

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OPEN OFFER FOR ACQUISITION OF UP TO 2,17,36,894 FULLY PAID UP EQUITY SHARES HAVING FACE VALUE OF RS. 10 EACH (“EQUITY SHARES”) AT A PRICE OF RS. 1,022.25 PER EQUITY SHARE, REPRESENTING 26.00% OF THE EMERGING VOTING CAPITAL (AS DEFINED BELOW) OF JUST DIAL LIMITED (“TARGET COMPANY”/ “TC”) FROM THE PUBLIC SHAREHOLDERS (AS DEFINED BELOW) OF THE TARGET COMPANY, BY RELIANCE RETAIL VENTURES LIMITED (“ACQUIRER”), PURSUANT TO AND IN COMPLIANCE OF THE SEBI (SAST) REGULATIONS (“OFFER”/ “OPEN OFFER”).

This offer opening public announcement and corrigendum to the DPS (as defined below) (“Offer Opening Public Announcement and Corrigendum”) is being issued by JM Financial Limited, the manager to the Open Offer (“Manager to the Offer” / “Manager”), for and on behalf of the Acquirer, pursuant to and in accordance with Regulation 18(7) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations in respect of the Open Offer.

This Offer Opening Public Announcement and Corrigendum should be read in continuation of and in conjunction with: (a) the Public Announcement dated July 16, 2021 (“PA”); (b) the Detailed Public Statement that was published in all editions of ‘Financial Express’ (English), ‘Jansatta’ (Hindi), ‘Loksatta’ (Marathi), and ‘Indian Express’ (English) on July 26, 2021 (“DPS”); and (c) the Letter of Offer dated September 14, 2021 along with FOA and Share Transfer Form (“LOF”). This Offer Opening Public Announcement and Corrigendum is being published in all the newspapers in which the DPS was published.

For the purposes of this Offer Opening Public Announcement and Corrigendum, the following terms would have the meaning assigned to them herein below:

- (a) “**Emerging Voting Capital**” means the total voting equity share capital of the Target Company on a fully diluted basis expected as of the 10th Working Day from the closure of the tendering period for the Offer. This includes (i) 2,11,77,636 Equity Shares allotted by the Target Company to the Acquirer, and (ii) 57,605 employee stock options vested or which shall vest prior to October 31, 2021.

- (b) “**Public Shareholders**” means all the public shareholders of the Target Company who are eligible to tender their Equity Shares in the Offer, except the Acquirer, the Promoter and Promoter Group of the Target Company as on the date of the Public Announcement and the parties to the underlying SSA, SPA and SHA including persons deemed to be acting in concert with such parties to the SSA, SPA and SHA, pursuant to and in compliance with the SEBI (SAST) Regulations.

Capitalised terms used but not defined in this Offer Opening Public Announcement and Corrigendum shall have the meaning assigned to such terms in the LOF.

- 1. Offer Price:** The Offer Price is Rs. 1,022.25 per Offer Share payable in cash. There has been no revision in the Offer Price. For further details relating to the Offer Price, please refer to paragraph 7 beginning on page 34 of the LOF.
- 2. Recommendations of the committee of independent directors of the Target Company:** The recommendation of committee of independent directors of the Target Company in Open Offer (“IDC”) was approved on September 17, 2021 and published on September 19, 2021 in the same newspapers where the DPS was published. The relevant extract of the IDC recommendation is given below:

<b>Members of the Committee of Independent Directors</b>	Mr. B. Anand (Chairman of the IDC), Mr. Malcolm Monteiro, Mr. Sanjay Bahadur and Ms. Bhavna Thakur
<b>Recommendation on the Open Offer, as to whether the Open Offer is fair and reasonable</b>	The IDC is of the opinion that the Offer Price of Rs. 1,022.25/- per Equity Share offered by the Acquirer vide LOF dated September 14, 2021 is in accordance with SEBI (SAST) Regulations and is fair and reasonable.  However, the shareholders should independently evaluate an offer, market performance of the Equity Shares of the TC and take informed decision.
<b>Summary of reasons for the recommendation</b>	IDC has perused the Letter of Offer dated September 14, 2021, the Detailed Public Statement published on July 26, 2021 and the PA issued by JM Financial Limited (as the Manager to the open offer) on behalf of the Acquirer.  IDC has also noted: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>On July 20, 2021, the Acquirer has acquired 1,30,61,163 Equity Shares of the TC, representing 15.82% of the Emerging Voting Capital of the TC at a price of Rs. 1,020.00 per Equity Share pursuant to the share purchase agreement dated July 16, 2021 executed between the Acquirer and Mr. Venkatachalam Sthanu Subramani (“<b>Seller</b>”) and Mrs. Anita Mani (as confirming party).</li><li>On September 1, 2021, the Acquirer has subscribed to 2,11,77,636 Equity Shares of the TC, representing 25.33% of the Emerging Voting Capital of the TC at the price of Rs. 1,022.25 per Equity Share pursuant to the share subscription agreement entered into on July 16, 2021 between the Acquirer, TC, the Seller and Mrs. Anita Mani.</li><li>BDO India LLP has been engaged by IDC to independently evaluate if the Offer Price is in accordance with SEBI (SAST) Regulations. BDO India LLP have submitted their report dated September 16, 2021 and have also presented their findings to the IDC, in its meeting held on September 17, 2021. Under their report, they have commented that the open offer price is in compliance with Regulation 8(1) and Regulation 8(2) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations.</li><li>Based on the above, the IDC is of the opinion that the offer price of Rs. 1,022.25/- per Equity Share is in accordance with the guidelines prescribed by SEBI (SAST) Regulations and is fair and reasonable.</li></ol>
<b>Disclosure of the voting pattern</b>	The recommendations were unanimously approved by the IDC members.
<b>Details of Independent Advisors, if any</b>	BDO India LLP The Ruby, Level 9, North West Wing, Senapati Bapat Marg, Dadar (W), Mumbai -400 028, Maharashtra, India.

### 3. Other details of the Open Offer

- The Open Offer is being made under Regulations 3(1) and 4 of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations to the Public Shareholders of the Target Company.
- The Open Offer is not a competing offer in terms of Regulation 20 of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations. Further, there is no competing offer to this Open Offer. The Open Offer is not conditional upon any minimum level of acceptance in terms of Regulation 19(1) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations.
- The LOF dated September 14, 2021 has been dispatched (through electronic mode or physical mode) by September 16, 2021 to the Public Shareholders as on the Identified Date (being September 8, 2021) in accordance with Regulation 18(2) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations and as described in Paragraph 8.1.1 of the LOF. It is clarified that all the Public Shareholders (even if they acquire Equity Shares and become shareholders of the Target Company after the Identified Date) are eligible to participate in the Open Offer.
- Please note that a copy of the LOF (which *inter alia* includes detailed instructions in relation to the procedure for acceptance and settlement of the Open Offer in Paragraph 9, as well as the FOA) is also available on the websites of SEBI and the Registrar to the Offer at [www.sebi.gov.in](http://www.sebi.gov.in), <http://karisma.kfintech.com>, respectively. Further, a Public Shareholder who wishes to obtain a copy of the LOF and the FOA may send a request to the Registrar to the Offer at the email id mentioned at the cover page of the LOF stating the name, address, number of Equity Shares held, client ID number, DP name / ID, beneficiary account number, and upon receipt of such request, a copy of the LOF shall be provided to such Public Shareholder.
- In case of non-receipt/ non-availability of the FOA, a Public Shareholder may participate in the Open Offer: (i) by using the FOA obtained in the manner described above; or (ii) by providing their application in plain paper in writing signed by all shareholder(s), stating name, address, number of shares held, client ID number, DP name, DP ID number, number of shares being tendered and other relevant documents as mentioned in the LOF. Such Public Shareholders have to ensure that their order is entered in the electronic platform to be made available by BSE or NSE before the closure of the Open Offer.

- (a) In case of Public Shareholders holding Equity Shares in dematerialized form:** Public Shareholders who are holding Equity Shares in dematerialized form and who desire to tender their Equity Shares in dematerialized form under the Open Offer would have to do so through their respective Selling Broker by giving the details of Equity Shares they intend to tender in accordance with the procedure as mentioned in paragraph 9.4 of the LOF.
- (b) In case of Public Shareholders holding Equity Shares in physical form:** Public Shareholders holding Equity Shares in physical form may participate in the Open Offer through the relevant Selling Broker by providing name, address, number of Equity Shares held, number of Equity Shares tendered and other relevant documents as mentioned in paragraph 9.5 of the LOF along with Form SH-4.

Public Shareholders have to ensure that their order is entered in the electronic platform, by the Selling Broker, to be made available by BSE and NSE before the closure of the Tendering Period.

- In accordance with Regulation 16(1) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations, the draft letter of offer dated August 2, 2021 (“**DLOF**”) was submitted to SEBI on August 2, 2021. SEBI issued its observations on the DLOF vide its communication dated September 6, 2021 bearing reference number SEBI/HO/CFD/DCR-III/OW/22708/1. SEBI’s observations have been incorporated in the LOF.

### 5. Material Updates (included in the LOF)

Public Shareholders are requested to note the following key changes to the DPS and DLOF as included in the LOF in relation to the Open Offer:

#### 5.1. Completion of the underlying transactions and modification in financial arrangement:

- The Target Company, after the receipt of shareholders’ approval on August 13, 2021, fulfilment of other conditions precedents and in accordance with the articles of association of the Target Company, issued and allotted the Subscription Shares to the Acquirer on September 1, 2021. The Acquirer had accordingly made a disclosure dated September 2, 2021 under Regulation 18(6) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations. Please refer to paragraph 3.1.2 on page 13 of the LOF.
- On September 1, 2021, the Acquirer deposited an additional Rs. 1924.84, Rs.95,902.00 in the cash escrow account, opened by the Acquirer in terms of Regulation 17 of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations, which together with the initial cash deposit of Rs. 297.20, Rs.99,900.00 made by the Acquirer in terms of Regulation 17(1) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations, is more than the Offer Consideration payable under the Open Offer, assuming full acceptance of the Open Offer. Accordingly, in terms of Regulation 22(2) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations, the Sale Shares that were acquired by the Acquirer on July 20, 2021 have been credited to the Acquirer’s demat account from the Share Escrow Account on September 1, 2021. Further, in light of the above, the

Subscription Shares that were issued and allotted to the Acquirer on September 1, 2021 were directly credited to the Acquirer’s demat account. The Acquirer can exercise voting rights on the Subscription Shares as well as the Sale Shares. Please refer to paragraphs 3.1.4 and 7.2.2 on pages 13 and 37 of the LOF, respectively.

- On and from the Control Date, i.e. September 1, 2021, the Acquirer has acquired sole control over the Target Company and is the promoter of the Target Company. The board of directors of the Target Company has also been re-constituted. Please refer to paragraph 3.1.6 on page 14 of the LOF.

#### 5.2. Reconstitution of the board of the Target Company

- On and from the Control Date, the Acquirer controls the composition of the board of directors of the Target Company in accordance with applicable laws and is entitled to nominate all directors on the board of the Target Company except the managing director and chief executive officer (who shall be appointed as set out paragraph 3.1.9 (a)(i) of the LOF) and the independent directors (who shall be appointed in accordance applicable laws).
- Accordingly, on and with effect from September 1, 2021, the board of directors of the Target Company was re-constituted with the appointment of the following directors: Ranjit V. Pandit as an additional director designated as an non-executive independent director, and V. Subramaniam, Dinesh Thapar, Ashwin Khnagiswala, Geeta Fulwadaya and Divya Murthy as additional directors designated as non-executive non-independent directors; and resignation of the following directors from the board of directors of the Target Company: Pulak Prasad, Anita Mani and Abhishek Bansal. Please refer to paragraphs 3.1.10 and 6.14 on pages 18 and 30 of the LOF, respectively.

#### 5.3. Approval for amendment of articles of association of the Target Company

The board of the Target Company, at their meeting held on September 1, 2021, subject to the approval of the shareholders of the Target Company, approved the alteration of the articles of association of the Target Company in order to *inter alia* incorporate the provisions of the SHA, pursuant to the provisions of section 14 and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013. Please refer to paragraph 3.1.10 on page 18 of the LOF.

#### 5.4. Updates regarding the Acquisition Window facility

The Open Offer will be implemented by the Acquirer through stock exchange mechanism made available by BSE and NSE in the form of separate window (“**Acquisition Window**”) as provided under the SEBI (SAST) Regulations and SEBI circular CIR/CFD/POLICYCELL/1/2015 dated April 13, 2015 as amended vide SEBI circular CFD/DCR/2/CIR/P/2016/131 dated December 9, 2016. Please refer to paragraph 9 beginning on page 41 of the LOF.

#### 5.5. Other key updates and changes updated in the LOF:

- Included the definition of Promoter and Promoter Group of the Target Company as on the date of the Public Announcement. Please refer to the definition included on page 10 of the LOF for further details.
- Included the definition of SPA Long Stop Date and SSA Long Stop Date. Please refer to the definitions included on page 11 of the LOF for further details.
- Included the confirmation that there are no directions subsisting or proceedings pending against the Acquirer and the Target Company. Please refer to paragraphs 3.1.12, 4.1.11 and 6.16 on pages 19, 26 and 31 of the LOF, respectively for further details.
- Included details of the non-competition and non-solicitation provisions under the SHA with respect to the Seller and Mrs. Anita Mani. Please refer to paragraph 3.1.9 (h) on page 18 of the LOF for further details.
- Capital structure has been updated to include the allotment of Subscription Shares. Please refer to paragraph 6.7 on page 30 of the LOF for further details.
- Included details of the closing price of the Equity Shares as of date of the PA and July 19, 2021 (next trading day after PA) on the BSE, NSE and MSE. Please refer to paragraph 6.18 on page 33 of the LOF for further details.
- The pre and post offer shareholding pattern of the Target Company as on the Identified Date assuming full acceptance under the Open Offer and related information has been updated. Please refer to paragraph 6.19 on page 33 of the LOF for further details.

### 6. Status of Statutory and Other Approvals

To the best of the knowledge of the Acquirer, as on the date of this Offer Opening Public Announcement and Corrigendum, there are no statutory, regulatory or other approvals required by the Acquirer to acquire the Offer Shares that are validly tendered pursuant to the Open Offer. If, however, any statutory or other approval becomes applicable prior to completion of such acquisitions, the Open Offer would be subject to such other statutory or other approval(s) being obtained. Please also refer to paragraph 8.4 beginning on page 40 of the LOF for further details.

### 7. Revised Schedule of Activities:

No.	Activity	Schedule disclosed in DLOF (Day and Date)	Revised Schedule (Day and Date)
1.	Date of PA	Friday, July 16, 2021	Friday, July 16, 2021
2.	Date of publication of DPS	Monday, July 26, 2021	Monday, July 26, 2021
3.	Last day for filing of the DLOF with SEBI	Monday, August 2, 2021	Monday, August 2, 2021
4.	Last date for public announcement for competing offer(s)	Tuesday, August 17, 2021	Tuesday, August 17, 2021
5.	Last date for receipt of SEBI observations on the draft letter of offer (in the event SEBI has not sought clarifications or additional information from the Manager)	Wednesday, August 25, 2021	Monday, September 6, 2021 <sup>1</sup>
6.	Identified Date <sup>2</sup>	Friday, August 27, 2021	Wednesday, September 8, 2021
7.	Last date by which this Letter of Offer is to be dispatched to the Public Shareholders whose names appear on the register of members on the Identified Date	Friday, September 3, 2021	Thursday, September 16, 2021
8.	Last date for upward revision of the Offer Price and/or Offer Size	Wednesday, September 8, 2021	Tuesday, September 21, 2021
9.	Last date by which the committee of the independent directors of the Target Company is required to give its recommendation to the Public Shareholders for this Open Offer	Wednesday, September 8, 2021	Tuesday, September 21, 2021
10.	Date of publication of opening of Open Offer public announcement in the newspapers in which the DPS was published	Thursday, September 9, 2021	Wednesday, September 22, 2021
11.	Date of commencement of the tendering period (“ <b>Offer Opening Date</b> ”)	Monday, September 13, 2021	Thursday, September 23, 2021
12.	Date of closure of the tendering period (“ <b>Offer Closing Date</b> ”)	Friday, September 24, 2021	Wednesday, October 6, 2021
13.	Last date of communicating the rejection/ acceptance and completion of payment of consideration or return of Equity Shares to the Public Shareholders	Friday, October 8, 2021	Friday, October 22, 2021
14.	Last date for publication of post-Open Offer public announcement in the newspapers in which the DPS was published	Monday, October 18, 2021	Friday, October 29, 2021

- (1) Where last dates are mentioned for certain activities, such activities may take place on or before the respective last dates.  
(2) There is no competing offer as on the date of this Offer Opening Public Announcement and Corrigendum.  
(3) Actual date of receipt of SEBI’s final observations on the DLOF.  
(4) Identified Date is only for the purpose of determining the names of the Public Shareholders to whom the LOF would be sent. It is clarified that all the Public Shareholders (even if they acquire Equity Shares and become shareholders of the Target Company after the Identified Date) are eligible to participate in the Open Offer.

The Acquirer and its directors, in their capacity as directors of the Acquirer, accept the responsibility for the information contained in this Offer Opening Public Announcement and Corrigendum (except for the information pertaining to the Target Company, which has been sourced from publicly available sources or from information published or provided by the Target Company) and also for the obligations of the Acquirer, respectively, laid down in the SEBI (SAST) Regulations in respect of the Open Offer.

This Offer Opening Public Announcement and Corrigendum will be available on SEBI’s website at ([www.sebi.gov.in](http://www.sebi.gov.in)).

**Issued on behalf of the Acquirer by the Manager to the Offer**

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**Date:** September 21, 2021





		Total		Vacant	
TOTAL CASES		16,426		16,140	
HOSPITAL BEDS		3,566		3,477	
ICU BEDS					
Sept 20	Cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Tests	
Sept 20	20	28	00	47,845	
Sept 21	39	18	00	66,278	
Total	400*	14,13,071	25,085	2,70,67,329	

\*Total active cases

ORDER BASED ON WOMAN'S PLEA OVER STALLING OF COMMITTEE

# Oxygen shortage Covid deaths: HC allows probe by Delhi govt panel

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

DELHI High Court Tuesday allowed the high-power committee (HPC) set up by the Delhi government to investigate deaths of Covid-19 patients allegedly due to shortage of medical oxygen, to proceed after it was told that the HPC was only a fact-finding panel, and that its functioning would not overlap with the mandate of the sub-group constituted on the orders of the Supreme Court with regard to oxygen.

The Delhi government's decision to set up the panel had been stayed by the Lieutenant Governor earlier.

The court passed the order on a petition by a woman who ar-

gued that there was no reasonable justification to stall the functioning of the HPC, as issues like health, or the grant of ex gratia monetary reliefs or other benefits are "within the exclusive domain of the Government of Delhi".

The woman, whose husband died of Covid-19 in May at a private hospital, had said that the non-operationalisation of the committee was arbitrary, and smacked of mala fide.

The Division Bench of Justices Vipin Sanghi and Jasmeet Singh took note of the government's submission that the HPC would not attribute any liability or fault to hospitals, and that the compensation would be paid by the state alone.

The court noted that the criteria for determining the com-

pensation would be scrutinised.

The court rejected the argument by LG's counsel that it should wait for the guidelines on ex gratia that are being framed by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) on the orders of the SC.

The HPC has been mandated to probe the cause of death in cases where it has been alleged that people died due to the shortage of medical oxygen. The committee should make a criteria for compensation limited to a maximum of Rs 5 lakh in each case. It has the power to seek documents from hospitals. The government said that the HPC would pass a reasoned order in the cases where complaints have been received.

Earlier, Senior Advocate Rahul Mehra, for the Delhi government,

had submitted that the LG had not referred the matter to the President, and had primarily objected to the setting-up of the HPC on the ground that the SC has already constituted a sub-group.

"The government of the day has taken a decision that a maximum of Rs 5 lakh of compensation, depending upon the committee report, wherever there is negligence, shall be granted. What is now taking place in Delhi is... because of this conflict which needs to be decided at the earliest... the citizen is being short-changed, that cannot be permitted. At least from the point of view of the citizen, there should be an end to it," Mehra had told the court.

In the written reply, the AAP government had questioned the

LG's "interdiction", and argued that its decision should be considered final and binding. There was no reasonable and lawful justification for objecting to the constitution of an HPC, it had argued, supporting the woman's petition.

Following the HC directions, the Delhi government said in a statement: "We respect the court's direction and are grateful for the same. The Delhi Government has been serious about the deaths in the capital due to lack of oxygen during the Corona pandemic. The Delhi Government wants the truth to come out in front of everyone. We sent the file in this regard twice to the LG but surprisingly he refused to give his nod. Finally, today the court has upheld the stance of the Delhi Government.



Inundated paddy fields at Rawta. Abhinaya Harigovind

## Between two states, a jheel awaits revival push

ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

STRADDLING HARYANA and Delhi, the Najafgarh jheel, a wetland of immense ecological significance, awaits a push for revival from both sides of the border.

The Delhi government wrote to the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change on August 26 this year to clarify whether it should go ahead with the implementation of its Environment Management Plan (EMP) on the Najafgarh jheel, submitted to the National Green Tribunal (NGT) earlier this year, or if it must wait for Haryana to submit its plan.

In September last year, the Tribunal directed that Haryana and the NCT of Delhi must jointly prepare an EMP since the jheel is a transboundary waterbody.

When the NGT considered the issue in June this year, it noted, "The State of Haryana has neither prepared EMP nor given any explanation for not doing so. The Delhi government has prepared the draft EMP but execution thereof has to be ensured after completing the EMP."

The Tribunal then directed the chief secretaries of Haryana and Delhi to "coordinate with concerned departments to ensure further remedial action expeditiously which will include ascertaining status of existing water quality, preventing entry of untreated sewage into the lake, preventing and removing encroachments".

RK Chauhan, the joint director of the Department of Environment and Climate Change, Haryana, said that the EMP for Haryana was being prepared and would most likely be submitted to the NGT by the next date of hearing. The matter will be considered by the NGT next on October 4.

It has been seven years since the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) first took the matter of the lake's

rejuvenation to the NGT and three years since it filed a second application saying that both the Delhi and Haryana governments had not taken any remedial measures.

Meanwhile, the Wetland Authority of Delhi has turned parts of the EMP into an action plan that it can begin executing from October, if the MoEFCC gives its go-ahead. The action plan includes assessing current and historical water quality of the jheel, identifying and quantifying sources of pollution, and identification of all drains polluting the jheel. Immediate measures like constituting a Najafgarh Wetlands Committee, commissioning a species inventory and a hydrological assessment to determine groundwater recharge and silted-up areas have been included in the action plan.

These measures were recommended in the EMP by a team of experts constituted to develop the plan. The EMP had also suggested a two-layer buffer zone around the lake which will serve as a flood absorption area, besides completely curtailing construction activity in and around the wetland on grounds of seismic and liquefaction risks.

A senior official of the Delhi government said that notifying the jheel as a wetland, a significant step towards protecting it, could be taken only after the two plans are merged and a brief submitted to the Union government for notification.

The jheel is located in the basin of the Sahibi river, now called the Najafgarh drain, a 51-km long stretch in Delhi. The masterplan of Delhi shows an area of 890 acres as the Najafgarh jheel. Agricultural land constitutes a large chunk of the villages flanking the wetland. On Sunday, several of the farmlands at Rawta village along the interstate boundary were flooded with rainwater. "Heavy rainfall this year has left fields completely inundated. Water flows in from the Haryana side," said Kishan Singh, a farmer with around 40 acres of

land. Several acres of his paddy field were immersed in water on Sunday, and the crop destroyed before the harvest. "Farmers here would grow two crops a year. Growing even one crop is now becoming difficult with the fields getting flooded," Singh said.

The EMP states that "the natural inundation regimes of Najafgarh Jheel have been fragmented by upstream water diversions and construction of embankment along the left margin. On the Delhi side, the grasslands which prevailed in the sixties have been cleared for agriculture. On the Gurgaon side, wetland margins have been developed for settlements and agriculture."

Parts of the drain and lake were smothered with a carpet of water hyacinth on Sunday, which may indicate toxicity, according to the EMP. Continuous discharge of sewage from Gurgaon and villages of Delhi has led to poor water quality conditions in the wetland, the EMP notes.

Neha Sinha, who works with the Bombay Natural History Society, and is a part of the expert committee that developed the EMP, said, "The two states need to work together. Most of the water is in haryana. The existing uses of the area like fishing and planned horticulture will have to be factored in, since it's a multiple-use wetland. The area needs to be managed for its birds. It seems to be part of a larger wetland complex with birds moving from Basai, Sultanpur and Najafgarh," she said. The area has a resident population of greater flamingos in the lake and in the fields in the villages.

The EMP notes that the jheel is inhabited by 281 bird species, including resident and migratory ones. The threatened species found in the area include the Egyptian vulture, the Sarus Crane, and the Greater Spotted Eagle. Flocks of birds also throng the trees beside some parts of the drain.

### BRIEFLY

#### 18-year-old drowns while immersing idol in Gurgaon

**Gurgaon:** An 18-year-old, who had gone to a canal in Dhankot to immerse Lord Ganesh's idol, drowned on Monday night. Police said his body was fished out on Tuesday morning. Inquest proceedings have been initiated and police are ascertaining more details. According to the police, the deceased, identified as Rohit, had gone to the canal to immerse the idol, along with a group of friends, around 8 pm. Police said he slipped during immersion and was swept away by the flow of water. **ENS**

#### Man held for fabricating robbery to steal cash

**New Delhi:** The Delhi Police has arrested an employee of a cardboard factory for allegedly concocting fake robbery story to steal Rs 2 lakh, officials said Tuesday. The Nangloi police station had received a call around 10.15 pm Saturday, in which a man had said his driver had been assaulted by 2 persons and Rs 2 lakh had been robbed, they said. On examining footage from over 50 CCTV cameras, the police found no such incident had taken place near Sukhi Nahar, officials said. **PTI**



## QUTUB MADE ACCESSIBLE

Wooden and glass ramps on iron frames are being made at Qutub Minar, as the stairs eroded and became slippery. This will also be convenient for differently-abled people. *Abhinav Saha*

## To cut coal, thermal plants told to use paddy straw pellets too

SHIVNARAYAN RAJPUROHIT  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

TO MINIMISE farm fires and improve air quality in the capital, a central government panel has directed 11 thermal power plants within a 300 km radius of Delhi to co-fire 5-10% biomass fuel of their total coal consumption.

In its latest direction on September 17, the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) asked them "to initiate immediate steps to co-fire biomass-based pellets, torrefied pellets/briquettes (with focus on paddy straw) with coal (up to 5-10%) in the power plants through a continuous and uninterrupted supply chain". The panel also ordered them to implement the direction without "any delay".

This comes after Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav chaired a meeting with representatives of power plants in the Delhi-NCR region and laid stress on using crop residue as a fuel.

As per *Urbanemissions.info*, farm fires contributed to 30% of Delhi's PM 2.5, and power plants and diesel generators 7.4% between October 15 and November 15 in 2020 during the paddy harvesting season in Punjab, Haryana, and UP. The power generation capacity of the 11 coal-fired power plants stands at 12,710 MW.

The National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has told the commission that the fuel change move would not require any design tweak in boilers. "NTPC has confirmed that it is technically feasible and implementable to co-fire bio-moss pellets with coal

in proportion up to 5-10% in thermal power plants without any modifications in the boilers," read the direction.

Haryana and Punjab generate 20 million tonnes and 1.2 million tonnes of paddy straw a year. Experts said that unless the seamless supply of crop residue from fields to end-users, including power plants, was ensured, the direction would have no impact.

"In October-January, NCR plants use a little over 10 million tonnes of coal and account for 25% of the coal-based generation in north India. Replacing 10% of this coal with farm pellets could mean utilisation of 1.3 million tonnes of crop residue... The processing and supply chain to even process 1.3 million tonnes of biomass is not in place," said Karthik Ganesan, Fellow, Council on Energy Environment and Water.

ARANYA SHANKAR  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

FIVE DAYS after the Delhi University (DU) opened its colleges for practical classes, attendance continues to remain quite low, with many students — most of whom are from outside Delhi — choosing to wait and watch for now.

DU opened its colleges on September 16 for laboratory and practical work for final-year undergraduate and postgraduate students, who can also attend these offline. In the phased re-opening, the rooms are to be used only at 50 per cent capacity and all theory classes will continue completely online.

While the footfall was very low on the first day, there were some expectations that the numbers would increase. However, across colleges, there are very few students returning for now.

"There are not many students turning up. Percentage wise it's a low number, but today for example around 80 students had come. They are turning up for labs and tutorials, but the number is low.



DU opened its colleges on September 16 for laboratory and practical work for final-year undergraduate and postgraduate students. *Archive*

It seems most students are not interested in coming back. There are apprehensions that there may be a third wave, and as of now the students who are coming also have mostly just got one dose of the vaccination. We have only local students, the outstation students are not really coming," said Hansraj College principal Rama.

Hindu College principal Anju Srivastava also said there were around 10 to 12 students in the science subjects who were com-

ing to college but the number was low. "We have just opened for practicals, not for theory. So to come down to college for practicals and then rush back for the theory classes must be a logistical issue. Plus accommodation is also a problem and parents are also not very keen on sending their children with the possibility of a third wave," she said.

Daulat Ram College principal Savita Roy said just about 30% students were coming to college for

lab work. "Not many students are keen due to various reasons, especially as theory classes are still online. However, in one specific course, B Sc Life Sciences, many students wrote to me saying they would like to come. So for them, we have drawn up a schedule and we will open the college for one month and see how the experiment goes," she said.

For students, especially those living outside Delhi, coming to campus for practical classes does

not seem like a feasible solution. Aarushi Sharma, a final-year Computer Science student at Miranda House, said she had gone to college only once. "I'm living in Delhi, so I went, but most of my classmates are not coming. Out of 60, around 8-10 people are coming. Parents don't want to spend money on sending their students to Delhi just to attend practicals. Also the living cost is too much. They will come once physical classes begin," she said.

DU Registrar Vikas Gupta, however, said the university had not yet planned the second phase of re-opening. "We will think of it when there are any further DDMA guidelines," he said.

Meanwhile, several major student groups of Jamia Millia Islamia like All India Students' Association, Campus Front of India, Students' Islamic Organisation, Students' Federation of India and others have demanded that the campus reopen at the earliest.

A senior official had earlier told *The Indian Express* that Jamia would wait for directions from the UGC before taking a decision to reopen since it's a central university.











6 tribal students in Jharkhand get scholarship to study in UK

Ranchi: The Jharkhand government has selected six tribal students for the Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda Scholarship Scheme.

The scholarship aims at empowering ST students to pursue higher education at universities in Britain and Ireland.

The Jharkhand government said that the "awardees of the scholarship are entitled to a complete coverage of tuition fees along with living and other miscellaneous expenses".

"Under this scheme, every year, 10 students will be selected from the Scheduled Tribes category residing in Jharkhand. For the first cohort of the scholarship, 6 students have been selected, who are going to begin their study programmes in 5 different universities of England in September," stated the press release by the Chief Minister's Secretariat. **ENS**

Students orphaned by Covid need not pay exam fees for '21-22 session: CBSE

New Delhi: Students who lost both their parents or their only surviving parent to Covid-19 will be exempted from paying CBSE examination fees, the board notified on Tuesday evening.

The process of collecting fees and finalising the list of candidates for the upcoming Class 10 and 12 board examinations is currently underway in CBSE affiliated schools across the country. For a student to be included in the list, they have to pay the examination fees. The process began on September 17 and has to be completed before September 30.

The base fee for five subjects is Rs 1,500 for Classes 10 and 12, and is Rs 1,200 for SC/ST students of Delhi government schools. With the additional amount for each practical and additional or optional subject, the fee comes to around Rs 2,500 for several Class XII students. **ENS**

TRACKING THE **SECOND SURGE**

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DAYS SINCE  
PANDEMIC  
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**NEW CASES: 26,923**  
**ACTIVE CASES: 3,02,560**  
**TOTAL VACCINATION: 81,85,13,827**

DAILY DEATHS  
**385**

TOTAL DEATHS  
**4,45,770**

WEEKLY CFR  
**0.80%**

OVERALL CFR  
**1.35%**

**TESTS TODAY: 17,16,607 | TOTAL TESTS: 55,67,52,324**  
**WEEKLY POSITIVITY: 2.01% | OVERALL POSITIVITY: 6.02%**

STATES REPORTING **MOST CASES**

STATE	NEW CASES	ACTIVE CASES	WEEKLY POSITIVITY	TOTAL VACCINATION
■ Kerala	15,768	1,61,686	17.19%	3,39,82,054
■ Maharashtra	3,131	40,712	2.17%	7,43,28,791
■ Mizoram	1,731	14,009	15.68%	10,58,845
■ Tamil Nadu	1,647	16,993	1.08%	4,32,10,314
■ Andhra Pradesh	1179	13,905	2.18%	3,79,86,801

STATES REPORTING **MOST DEATHS**

STATE	TODAY'S DEATHS	TOTAL DEATHS	WEEKLY CFR	OVERALL CFR
■ Kerala	214	23,976	0.57%	0.56%
■ Maharashtra	70	1,42,173	1.40%	2.19%
■ Karnataka	21	37,648	1.58%	1.27%
■ Tamil Nadu	19	35,379	1.49%	1.35%
■ West Bengal	14	18,678	1.73%	1.20%

Note: Data as on Sept 21; vaccination numbers as of Sept 20. Deaths include those from previous days.

22 teachers, principals from CBSE schools felicitated

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

UNION MINISTER of State for Education Annapurna Devi on Tuesday felicitated 22 teachers and principals of CBSE-affiliated schools for demonstrating excellence in teaching and school leadership.

Of the 22 awardees, 11 were from Delhi-NCR. Each award, presented to primary, middle, secondary and senior secondary level teachers, consisted of a merit certificate, a shawl and an amount of Rs 50,000.

The awards for the year 2020-21 were presented dur-

ing an online ceremony in the presence of Secretary (Department of School Education and Literacy) Anita Karwal, CBSE Chairperson Manoj Ahuja and CBSE Secretary Anurag Tripathi.

Among the teachers awarded are Divya Bhatia, principal of Amity International School, Saket; Padma Srinivasan of DPS, R K Puram; Monika Sindhvani from Bal Bharati Public School, Rohini; and Chandni Agarwal of Maharaja Agrasen Model School, Pitampura.

Muzaffarnagar riots case: Lack of evidence due to witness hostility, court acquits 20

AMIL BHATNAGAR  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

TWENTY PERSONS were acquitted by a trial court for "lack of evidence due to witness hostility" in a case related to the 2013 Muzaffarnagar riots.

According to the FIR, the accused allegedly raised communal slogans and damaged and burnt property belonging to a minority community in Kutba village on September 8, 2013. More than 20 persons had been booked under sections of the IPC.

Officials said the case was being heard in the room of Additional Sessions Judge Baburam. "The specific rioting case was being heard in the trial courtroom. A chargesheet was filed and witnesses had been examined. It was concluded that there was lack of evidence due to witness hostility and 20 persons were acquitted. Further proceedings are taking place in other cases," said Special Counsel Narendra Sharma.

The case was investigated by the SIT and a chargesheet was submitted. The counsel said that the witnesses "could not provide a reliable testimony with respect to the actions of the accused".

At least 65 people were killed and thousands displaced during the 2013 riots.

In August, a report filed in Supreme Court said the Uttar Pradesh government has withdrawn 77 cases related to the riots without giving any reason and these "may be examined by the High Court by exercising revisional jurisdiction".

The report said the Standing Counsel for UP informed that 510 cases were registered in five districts of Meerut zone against 6,869 accused. Chargesheet was filed in 175 of these cases. Final reports were submitted in 165 cases and 170 cases were expunged.

Giving religious colour to social evils should be fought: Pinarayi

SHAJU PHILIP  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, SEPTEMBER 21

IN AN apparent reference to Catholic bishop Joseph Kallarangatt's controversial claim that "narcotics jihad" is spoiling the life of non-Muslims, particularly the youth, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Tuesday said the trend to give religious colour to social evils should be nipped in the bud.

Vijayan also said forces using caste and religion as weapons of division should be opposed.

Inaugurating the centenary of a student agitation in erstwhile Travancore, Vijayan said: "Those who give leadership to social evils are elements engaging in illegal activities against the common interest of the society. Such activities should not be compared with any section in the society."

He said, "Giving a face of virtuousness to militant movements will weaken social unity. Some people promote such movements as even synonymous with



Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan

freedom. Such reactionary views endanger our freedom."

Pala bishop Kallarangatt had recently claimed that various types of drugs are being used in places such as ice-cream parlours, hotels and juice corners run by "hardcore jihadis", which are making the youth take to drugs. The statement drew sharp criticism from many quarters, even as the Church and the BJP, among others, had backed the bishop.

On Tuesday, Vijayan said, "Darkness cannot be wiped out by darkness. Only light can eliminate darkness. Similarly, hatred can be wiped out only by love. Forces that try to spread darkness of hatred should be singled out, (and) education is one of the most powerful ways to fight such regressive action."

Vijayan said glorifying terror organisations, or equating them with symbols of freedom strug-

Teen gangraped in Jharkhand, 3 arrested: police

ABHISHEK ANGAD  
RANCHI, SEPTEMBER 21

A 15-YEAR-OLD girl was allegedly gangraped in the early hours of Saturday in a village in Jharkhand's Hazaribagh district, police said, adding that they had arrested three accused and were on the lookout for two others.

Police said the matter came to their knowledge after the girl, who is from the Dalit community, was admitted to hospital two days after the incident. An FIR was registered on Monday based on the girl's statement.

Police sources said the girl had gone to relieve herself when the five accused dragged her away.

"A minor girl was gangraped and we have arrested three named accused, while two are yet to be arrested," said Hazaribagh SP Manoj Ratan Chhotte. Asked whether there was a problem with the availability of toilets in the village, he said: "This is a one-off incident, and there are toilets in the village."

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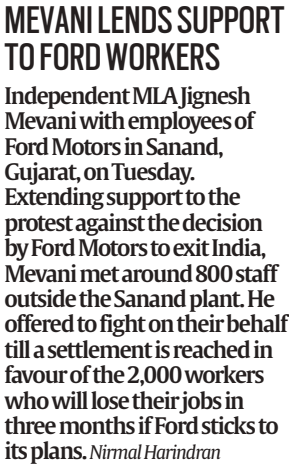
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**TORA AGARWALA**  
GUWAHATI, SEPTEMBER 21

Following the drive, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma tweeted: "Continuing our drive against illegal encroachments, I am happy and compliment district administration of Darrang and @assampolice for having cleared about 4500 bigha, by evicting 800 households, demolishing 4 illegal religious structures and a private instr at Sipajhar, Darrang."

He said he had inspected such riverine areas "encroached by illegal settlers near Dholpur Shiva Mandir" in June. "I had assured temple mgmt & local people to set up a Manikuit, build a guest house & boundary wall. Today's eviction

One of the BJP government's promises before it came to power for a second term in May was to free government land from encroachers, and allot them to "indigenous landless people". Similar drives evicted 70 families in Hojai's Lanka and 25 families in Sonitpur's Jamugurihat in June. In Sipajhar, where the eviction took place on Monday, the government plans to implement its 'Garukhuti Project', where the freed up land will be used for afforestation and agriculture, involving indigenous youth.

Monday's drive drew criticism from the Opposition and rights activists for evicting people without

proper rehabilitation plan. Local residents alleged that the government did not help the families in any way, who now have moved to nearby areas along the river.

"The administration is telling them to move from there too. But where will they go?" asked Saddam Hussien, a social activist. "Since last night, there has been rain and fierce winds... little children, women are huddled together in the midst of all this. Some got the eviction notices the night before, some on the day of the drive and some did not get any notice at all," he alleged.

When asked about the notice, Darrang DC Prabhati Thaosan said the people got "lot of time". "The committee to look into the agriculture and development project in the area was constituted in June itself. We got a request from the Agriculture Department to declare the area as community agricultural land, so they [the people] had lots of time," she said.

**ARUN SHARMA**  
JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 21

THE NATIONAL Investigation Agency (NIA) conducted multiple raids across Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday on premises belonging to several people, including a decorated former soldier, in searches reportedly connected with the first-ever drone attack on a defence base earlier this year and the recovery of 5 kg of IED said to be linked to it.

The NIA is trying to find a link between a suspected Lashkar-e-Toiba plot to plant an IED in Jammu and the drone attack on the IAF station in the city a few hours later, on June 27. Officials said the probe had unearthed a network of the Lashkar-e-Mustafa (LeM), believed to be an offshoot of the Jaish-e-Mohammed, with operations of Lashkar-e-Mustafa (LeM), be-

stretching from J&K to Bihar. Last week, two alleged LeM militants belonging to Bihar's Saran district were arrested — one from Jammu and another from Bihar.

Among those raided on Tuesday was Talib Naik, a resident of Kishtwar's Masjid Mohalla, who retired from 159 Territorial Army in March, as well as a daily wageer with the Public Health Engineering Department, Gulam Mohammad Dar, belonging to Dithan Tandar in Doda.

A month after he had retired, Naik, the recipient of a Sena Medal for his services in anti-militancy operations, had had a fall at home, hit his head, and gone into a coma. He has been hospitalised since.

Sources said NIA officers were at Naik's residence for nearly three hours from 5 am, and among other things, found an Army knife that he had not re-

turned at the time of retirement. One of Naik's cousins told *The Indian Express* that his uncle had failed to do so due to his accident.

Sources said NIA officers asked Dar about his son, who works in Ladakh as a labourer.

In an official statement, the NIA said the raids were carried out with the assistance of J&K Police and CRPF at eight locations, in Anantnag, Baramulla, Kulgam, Srinagar, Doda and Kishtwar, in connection with the Narwal IED seizure. The NIA said the LeT and its associates based in J&K were planning to carry out attacks under the name 'The Resistance Front' (TRF).

During the searches, the NIA said, many digital devices and incriminating material were recovered.

On June 26, hours before the drone attack, police had arrested

Nadeem-ul-Haq, a resident of Jammu division's Banihal and an alleged TRF member, with 5 kg IED from Narwal. This was followed by the arrest of his suspected associates Talib Rehman from Banihal in Jammu and Nadeem Ayub Rather from Shopian in Kashmir.

On July 31, the NIA had arrested a suspected LeM member and conducted search operations at 15 places as part of the probe.

Last week, arrests were made of Saran-based Mohammad Arman Ali alias Arman Mansuri, and Mohammad Ehsanullah alias Guddu Ansari, for alleged involvement in the transportation of two consignments of illegal arms and ammunition from Bihar to Mahali, Punjab, and Ambala, Haryana. Police said these weapons had been eventually transported to LeM chief Hidayatullah Malik.

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

PLACING ON record its decision to induct women in the armed forces through the National Defence Academy (NDA), the Defence Ministry has told Supreme Court that the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) will notify the entrance exam for this in May 2022 by which time the necessary mechanism for their induction will also be put in place.

“...the Government of India, in line with its commitment, hereby places on record its clear and cat-

egorical stand that the women candidates shall be considered for entry in the three defence services, in the existing streams, through the National Defence Academy," the ministry said in an affidavit filed in the court.

It added, "...in order to execute the aforesaid intent of the Government and the compliance of interim order dated 18 Aug 2021 of the Hobbie Court in letter and spirit, it is most humbly stated at the outset that entrance examination for entry into NDA are held twice in a year and Government proposes to have the necessary mechanism in place by May 2022,

ie. the time by which UPSC is required to publish the first notification of the year 2022, for entrance examination for entry to NDA".

The government said that keeping the timelines in mind, meticulous planning and preparation is called for to ensure smooth induction and training of women candidates.

On the preparations required for this, it pointed to the medical standards that candidates have to meet and said that while the medical standards of male candidates are in place, that of women candidates "are in the process of formulation". It said that "while

the education curriculum is well set, all the rest of aspects of the training are required to be formulated separately for the women candidates".

There is also the need to upgrade infrastructure depending on the intake strength of the women candidates, it said. "That all cadets in the NDA are accommodated in Cabins which are housed in Squadron Buildings...The existing sanitation/bathroom cubicles for women candidates will fall short of the requirements and shall require reconstruction/modification to maintain privacy," it said.



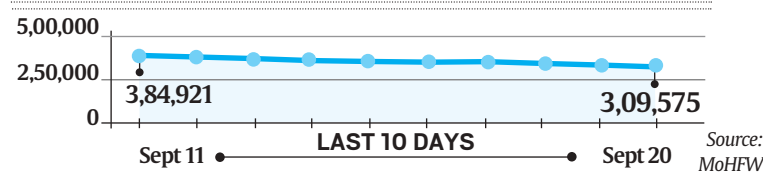
**Mumbai:** In its detailed order granting bail to Raj Kundra, the court has observed that there is no "element of inducement" seen in the case against him to prove cheating.

Kundra, who was arrested in July in connection with creation and uploading of pornographic films on mobile applications, was granted bail by a metropolitan magistrate's court on Monday. He was released from Arthur Road jail on Tuesday.

The charges under which Kundra and other accused have been booked include cheating. The Mumbai Police crime branch has alleged that the victim women were cheated by being told that they were acting in a web series. "...if the statements of witnesses are perused, then the element of inducement which is the prime ingredient of cheating appears to be missing from the case of the prosecution," the court said.

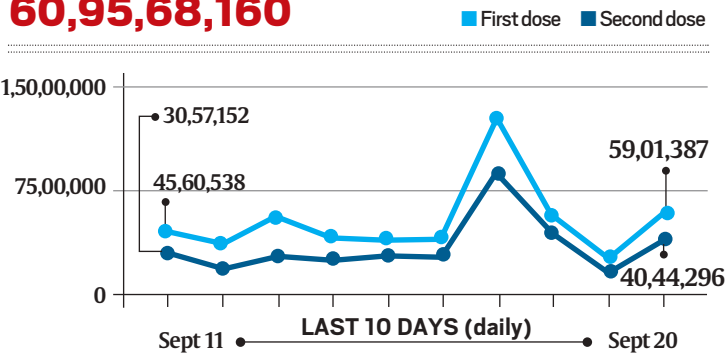
Along with Kundra, Ryan Thorpe, the IT head of Kundra's company, was granted bail. **ENS**





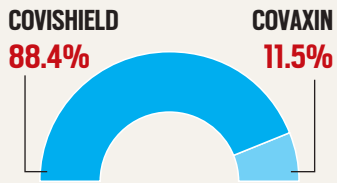
## CORONAVIRUS DASHBOARD

**TOTAL VACCINATED IN INDIA** (at least one dose)  
**60,95,68,160**



**TOTAL DOSES**  
**81,85,13,827**

(Sputnik V's **8,93,657** doses not represented in pie)



**DOSES ON SEPT 20** **99,45,683**

**SEPT 19: 41,95,813** (1st doses: 26,20,323; 2nd: 15,75,490)

Note: The Sept 20 figures in these graphs are based on the government updates on Sept 21  
Source: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, updated at 11 pm on September 20

## TELLING NUMBERS

### ‘Spanish flu’ toll crossed, Covid is now deadliest pandemic in US

COVID-19 HAS now claimed more lives in the US than the 1918 pandemic of what is commonly referred to as the ‘Spanish flu’. That makes it the deadliest pandemic ever in the US. The death toll in that country due to Covid-19 is 6,76,076, according to Our World in Data’s update till 10 pm on Tuesday. And the 1918 pandemic had killed more than 6,75,000 in the US, as per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).



Policemen in Seattle in masks during the pandemic of 1918.

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#### DEATHS DUE TO PREVIOUS PANDEMICS IN THE US

PANDEMIC	ESTIMATED US TOLL
1918 flu	6,75,000
1957 flu	1,16,000
1968 flu	1,00,000
2009 swine flu	12,500

Source: US CDC

#### COVID-19 DEATHS

COUNTRY	DEATHS
Global	4.7 million
US	6,76,076
Brazil	5,90,955
India	4,45,385
Mexico	2,71,765
Peru	1,99,036
Russia	1,95,438
Indonesia	1,40,634
UK	1,35,589
Italy	1,30,354
Colombia	1,25,924

Source: Our World in Data; data as of Sept 20

The 1918 pandemic was first reported from Madrid, but the flu did not really originate in Spain, according to an editorial in the *Postgraduate Medical Journal*. It is remembered as the deadliest of the 20th century, with its spread aided by global troop movement during WWI. Estimates for global and country-wise death tolls vary. For India, a 2016 study in the journal *Demography* estimated the toll at between 12 million and 13 million (1.2-1.3 crore). Globally, the 1918 pandemic killed at least 50 million (5 crore), as per estimates cited by the CDC.

But a 2018 study published in the *American Journal of Epidemiology* suggested that about 17.4 million people died globally as a result of the influenza. Even this conservative estimate is several times higher than the global death toll from Covid-19 (4.7 million) so far.

ANIL SASI

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

WHEN Lehman Brothers collapsed, setting off the global financial meltdown in 2008, the New York-headquartered financial services major was \$619 billion in the red. On the face of it, the fallout of the implosion at Evergrande appears to be less ominous — the \$305 billion liabilities of China’s teetering real estate giant is under half the debt of Lehman at the time it went belly-up.

But the volume of Evergrande’s liabilities is still more than South Africa’s GDP in 2020. More importantly, the contagion effect is spooking the markets: The possibility that the fall of one of the largest property developers in a country where nearly three quarters of household wealth is locked up in housing, could effectively set off losses that spread to China’s opaque financial system, and end up having a knock-on effect on both the domestic and world economies.

#### Crash on Monday

Monday’s global markets rout, including a sharp slide in benchmark indices in India, had multiple triggers.

One, that the worsening cash crunch at Evergrande could prompt a regulatory crack-down on China’s real estate sector, which could potentially spiral into a financial sector contagion.

Two, US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen’s warning of an “economic catastrophe” if American lawmakers failed to increase a legally-imposed debt ceiling. Alongside, there are worries over US Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell laying out plans to taper the central bank’s bond purchases after the Federal Open Market Committee meeting on Wednesday.

On Tuesday, most global markets recovered losses from the day earlier.

#### Crisis at Evergrande

Evergrande, founded in 1996, started out selling bottled water, had a stint in pig-farming, and owns China’s top professional football team, Guangzhou Football Club, which is managed by the former captain of Italy and Real Madrid centre back Fabio Cannavaro.

The company has long been the poster boy of the Chinese real estate boom. It rode on a sustained property prices surge — which has also been the main driver of the post-pandemic Chinese economic recovery — to



At an Evergrande city plaza in Beijing, a map marks out the company’s development projects in China. AP

expand into more than 250 Chinese cities, selling home-ownership dreams to the country’s growing middle class. It went on a debt binge to progressively diversify from building apartment complexes in China’s key metropolitan cities to the smaller towns.

There were two immediate triggers that precipitated the crisis at Evergrande.

Chinese regulators, as part of a wide-spread crackdown on sectors such as the digital economy and education, began investigations into the high borrowings of property developers. To counter that, Evergrande tried selling off some of its business. But a progressive slowing down of China’s property market, and the tapering demand for new houses crimped cash flows.

The two factors combined to precipitate the cash crunch at Evergrande. The company is now struggling under the over \$300 billion liabilities burden, equivalent to 2% of China’s GDP, that has decimated its credit rating and share price. It is faced with nearly 800 unfinished residential buildings, many unpaid suppliers, and over a million home buyers who have partly paid for their properties.

A closely-watched milestone for Evergrande comes up on Thursday, when the

firm is due to pay over \$83 million in interest relating to its March 2022 bond. It has another \$47 million payment due on September 29 for March 2024 bonds, according to Reuters. There will be defaults on both bonds if Evergrande is unable to settle the interest within 30 days of the grace period from the scheduled payment dates.

#### The systemic risks

There are two factors here.

One, China has been instrumental in the post-pandemic global economic recovery, having been the first off the block in controlling the spread of the coronavirus, and shrugging off the impact of the lockdowns in the first quarter of 2020.

Second, China’s extended property boom that started in the mid-1990s has now ensured that nearly three quarters of the country’s household wealth is locked up in housing. An impending collapse at the biggest real estate company could have a serious knock-on effect on the economy as a whole, dragging down growth and potentially setting off a cascading impact that could singe the global commodities and financial markets.

There are also concerns about Huarong, a

# Countries reopening: Where can Indians travel?

PRANAV MUKUL

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

AS MORE of the world gets vaccinated, many jurisdictions are reopening travel, albeit in a carefully calibrated manner. In announcements made over the past few days, several popular destinations for Indians have been opened to some categories of travellers, while one nation — the United Kingdom — has angered India by a seemingly arbitrary change of rules that is discriminatory to vaccinated Indians.

**UNITED STATES:** Jeff Zients, the White House pandemic coordinator, said on Monday that foreigners will be allowed into the country if they can show proof of full vaccination before boarding a plane to the US, and a negative Covid-19 test within three days of arriving in America.

However, details on key aspects such as which visa types will be issued, and which specific vaccines will be considered as capable of inoculating “fully”, are not known yet.

Zients was reported as saying international travel was critical to connect families

and friends, for businesses, and for open exchange of ideas and culture, but it was not clear if tourism was being opened up as well.

The New York Times report noted that “the halt to the 18-month ban on travel from 33 countries” including India, “could help rejuvenate a US tourism industry that has been crippled by the pandemic”.

On the issue of “full vaccination”, The NYT report said the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) considers people as “fully inoculated two weeks after they receive the second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, or the single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine”.

The report quoted Thomas Skinner, a CDC spokesman, as saying that people who have been jabbed with vaccines listed by the World Health Organization, such as AstraZeneca, too would be considered fully vaccinated. What has not been clarified is whether Covishield, the Made-in-India variant of the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine, also qualifies.

After completely banning flights from countries including India in January, the US had allowed student cohorts to fly into the

country for the commencement of the fall semester.

**CANADA:** Starting Tuesday, Canada has allowed direct flights to and from India, and relaxed the third-country RT-PCR requirement that Indian travellers were subject to while taking a stopover flight to Canada.

Canada had banned all flights from India months ago, after passengers with pre-travel negative RT-PCR certificates returned positive tests on arrival.

**THAILAND:** The Thailand Embassy in New Delhi announced on Monday that it would resume issuing some types of visas for permitted non-Thai nationals.

These include visas for students, those with a work permit, those with a residency permit, etc. It is not issuing medical visas or tourist visas as yet.

**UNITED KINGDOM:** The UK has tweaked its rules to do away, with effect from October 4, with the ‘amber’ list in its ‘traffic light system’ for international travel. India is on the amber list, which mandates a set of testing and quarantine requirements.

Once the ‘traffic light’ goes, the UK will have only a ‘red’ list with mandatory quar-

antine requirements even for those who are fully vaccinated, if the vaccine is not on an authorised list. As of now, the India-made Covishield and Covaxin vaccines are not on the list. India has protested the discrimination, and the two countries are talking to try and resolve the issue.

**OTHER COUNTRIES:** A number of countries including the UAE, Germany, Spain, Maldives, and Turkey are allowing Indian travellers.

In the run-up to Expo 2020 in Dubai, which kicks off on October 1, the UAE has started issuing tourist visas, including to Indian citizens.

Earlier this month, the Turkish Embassy in New Delhi announced that travellers flying to Turkey from India will no longer have to undergo the mandatory 14-day quarantine upon arrival as long as they were fully vaccinated.

Last month, Germany reclassified India to “high (Covid) incidence areas” — down from the higher travel restriction level of “virus variant areas”. With this, it removed the entry ban for travellers from India.

Spain is allowing fully-vaccinated tourists from India.

# Why Assam govt is burning 2,500 rhino horns in a special ceremony

TORAAGARWALA

GUWAHATI, SEPTEMBER 21

ASSAM will mark World Rhino Day — September 22 — with a special ceremony by burning a stockpile of nearly 2,500 horns of the one-horned rhinoceros. This was announced by the state Cabinet last week after weeks of ‘rhino horn reverification’ exercises by the Forest Department across the state.

#### What is the purpose of the ceremony?

The public ceremony — scheduled at Bokakhat in Kaziranga National Park (KNP) with Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma as the chief guest and several other politicians present — has been publicised as a “milestone towards rhino conservation” aimed at “busting myths about rhino horns”. “It’s a loud and clear message to the poachers and smugglers that such items have no value,” said M K Yadava, Chief Wildlife Warden, Assam.

However, in the illegal market such horns

can fetch a high price. A Forest Department release said “ground rhino horn is used in traditional Chinese medicine to cure a range of ailments, from cancer to hangovers, and also as an aphrodisiac.” In Vietnam, possessing a rhino horn is considered a status symbol. “Due to demand in these countries, poaching pressure on rhinos is ever persistent against which one cannot let the guard down” it added.

Thus the case for the destruction of horns — a process that is in compliance with Section 39(3)(c) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act of 1972. As per a Gauhati High Court ruling, a public hearing on the destruction was held last month but officials said there were no objections made by the public.

Bibhab Talukdar, chair of the Asian Rhino Specialist Group in the International Union for the Conservation of Nature’s Asian Rhino Specialist Group, and CEO and secretary general of the NGO Aaranyak, said India was a signatory to CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species

of Wild Flora and Fauna). “It is illegal to sell the horns in the country anyway. So instead of the horns decaying in treasuries, the decision to burn it will send a clear-cut message — that this is not medicine,” he said.

#### Where were these horns all these years?

The horns have been stored in treasuries across the state over decades. After a rhino dies, either out of natural causes or due to poaching, its horn — essentially a mass of compacted hair — is kept in the custody of the Forest Department in the state treasuries.

Through August and September, the Forest Department carried out ‘horn reverification’ exercises spanning treasuries across seven wildlife zones (Morigaon, Manas, Mangaldai, Guwahati, Bokakhat, Nagaon and Tezpur) and examined more than 2,500 horns. It was a multi-step process in which an expert committee — comprising DFOs, wildlife experts, forensic specialists and technicians — examined, tagged, weighed, measured, and extracted DNA for genetic sampling



The longest rhino horn (51.5 cm) in the treasuries; it will be preserved. Express

of each and every horn, besides other things. The aim was to recount and verify the horns — while the majority was put aside to be destroyed, 5 per cent, which had unique characteristics, were earmarked for preservation.

The verification was completed on September 12. After the reconciliation of 2,623 horns, 2,479 were marked for destruction and 94 for preservation. Among the finds were the longest horn (51.5 cm, weight 2.5 kg) from the Guwahati treasury and the heaviest horn (3.05 kg, 36 cm) from Bokakhat treasury. Also, 15 African rhino horns were reconciled and 21 were found fake.

#### Has such an exercise happened before?

While horns have never been publicly destroyed this way, a reverification exercise did take place in 2016 following allegations by an RTI activist, Dilip Nath, that a section of Forest Department employees had been illegally trading horns in the treasuries and replacing them with fakes. However, the exercise found that all but five horns were genuine.

#### How serious a threat is poaching?

Several cases of rhino poaching were reported in the years leading up to 2013 and 2014. These two years witnessed the highest number of incidents in a decade, at 27 in each year. This has since decreased to 17 in 2015, 18 in 2016, 6 each in 2017 and 2018, and 3 in 2019.

“In 2020-21, it has reduced a bit, with two-three rhinos being poached — still, it is a well-organised crime and we must not let our guard down,” said Talukdar.

The one-horned rhino, which was earlier “endangered” as per the IUCN Red List, it is now listed as “Vulnerable”.

In 2019, the Assam government constituted a dedicated “Special Rhino Protection Force” to keep a check on rhino poaching and related activities at KNP. A March 2018 rhino census pegged the rhino population at 2,413 in KNP, 101 in Orang National Park, and 102 in Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary, and a more recent count said there were 43 in the Manas National Park.



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## VACCINE BULLYING

UK's restrictions on travellers inoculated with Covishield are ill-informed. India must use diplomacy to clear impasse

THE UK'S NEW post-Covid travel rules, announced last week and slated to become effective from October 4, have been criticised as discriminatory towards travellers from India. The list of countries whose vaccines are recognised in the UK does not include India. This means that Indian travellers, who have received both doses of Covishield, will have to quarantine themselves after arriving in the UK, even though the Serum Institute of India-manufactured vaccine is a variant of the Oxford-AstraZeneca jab. Congress leaders have called the move a humiliation of the world's largest vaccine manufacturer — some of them have even described the protocols as racist — and the government has threatened to impose the "reciprocity principle" against British travellers to India. The UK government's clarification that the restrictions are only administrative measures and visitors from some countries that use the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines will also be required to follow the quarantine protocols has not quelled the firestorm. The opprobrium is, no doubt, justified. The way out of the impasse, however, lies in adroit use of diplomatic channels to push the UK to reverse what is clearly an ill-informed decision.

There can be little doubt on the credibility of the vaccine that has driven close to 90 per cent of the world's largest inoculation project outside of China. Covishield is recognised as a strong shield against Covid by the WHO and health authorities in the US. It is a major constituent of inoculation projects in several parts of the developing world and meets the vaccine passport requirements of at least 18 European countries. But the UK's Department of Health and Social Care has cited technicalities to exclude Covishield from the National Health Service's Covid Pass — a proof of vaccination status — even though it recognises the Oxford AstraZeneca shots manufactured under a different brand name, Vaxzevria. The agency has reportedly said it is working to determine which "non-UK vaccine to recognise". This clarification seems bizarre given that the country's Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) approves the AstraZeneca jab manufactured by the SII and more than five million shots of these vaccines have been administered in the UK. In fact, in July, Prime Minister Boris Johnson invoked MHRA's approval to make a pitch for EU vaccine passports for residents of his country who have been administered SII's AstraZeneca shots.

India is the UK's sixth largest non-EU trading partner and Indian students — amongst the most discomfited by the new vaccine regulations — are second only to those from China in terms of foreign enrolments in the country's varsities. Foreign Minister S Jaishankar has rightly told his UK counterpart, Elizabeth Truss, that "an early resolution of the quarantine issue is in the mutual interest of the two countries". In the coming days, India must continue to press this point and dispel all misgivings about Covishield's credibility.

## SLIPPING ON GROUND

CRPF report flags leadership issues in Chhattisgarh operations. They need to be addressed for security of jawans and civilians

THE CENTRAL RESERVE Police Force (CRPF) has an unenviable task in Chhattisgarh and other areas affected by Left Wing Extremists (LWEs). It performs a host of functions, from policing and security duties, to conducting counter-insurgency operations — the latter against an adversary that consists of Indian citizens, often deeply connected to local geography, ecology and with an intimate knowledge of the terrain. Given these persistent challenges, it is disturbing that a CRPF review of the forces based in Chhattisgarh by senior officials has found a significant dip in the quality of operations in the Maoist-violence affected state over the last two years.

As reported by this newspaper, a report based on the review has been sent to Sukma, Konta, Bijapur, Dantewada, Jagdalpur, and Raipur and lays much of the blame for the decline on the fact that the involvement of senior officers at the level of commandant and second-in-command has considerably decreased. It is not difficult to see what a lack of hands-on leadership can lead to — for instance, the report found that there have been slip-ups in setting up tactical resting sites during operations. This, of course, leaves troops open to ambushes, which have led to considerable casualties over the years. Most recently, the Sukma-Bijapur ambush led to the death of 22 security personnel. With over a thousand security personnel killed in the state since 2011, the paramilitary forces can ill-afford a decline in operational leadership. The question of training and leadership in the CRPF also has a grave impact on the communities where they function: Recently, the Justice V K Agarwal report concluded that the eight people, including four minors, killed by the CRPF's elite CoBRA unit in Edesmetta in 2013 were civilians, and not Maoists as the force had claimed. In 2019, a single-judge commission concluded that the CRPF had killed 17 people, firing unilaterally in Bijapur. In both cases, the incidents were apparent "mistakes", stemming from a failure of jawans to tell civilians and extremists apart.

While a more involved leadership on the ground may not be sufficient to deal with both operational and intelligence failures that have led to the deaths of jawans as well as the killing of civilians, it is certainly a necessary first step. The CRPF needs a leadership that is more empathetic to its personnel and equal to the harsh circumstances they face. Equally, paramilitary forces must be sensitised to the plight of people in states like Chhattisgarh, who face the brunt of poverty, a security state and Maoist violence.

## LOST PITCH

Cancellation of tours by New Zealand and England is a setback for cricket in Pakistan and fans everywhere

IT WAS SUPPOSEDLY the last step in Pakistan's long and arduous road to bringing cricket back home. After a decade in wilderness, post the attack on Sri Lanka's team bus by terrorists in Lahore in March 2009, Pakistan was being incrementally reintegrated into the touring schedule. It has hosted West Indies, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe, besides the elite players of world cricket in the popular Pakistan Super League in the last two years. The fear and reluctance of touring the country were gradually receding, and hosting New Zealand and England, in the next couple of months, was the logical and final step in declaring to the sporting world that Pakistan is safe to tour. But the cancellation of both tours, have sucker-punched their dreams and ambitions to be once again a vibrant, colourful cricket host.

New Zealand's reluctance, citing "specific, credible security threat" against the team, is more reasonable, and hence acceptable, than that of England. Only a fortnight ago an ISIS sympathiser randomly stabbed six people at a supermarket in Auckland. In the past, their cricketers have endured close shaves, twice in Colombo at the peak of Lankan civil war and once in Karachi, after an explosion outside their hotel. But England's excuses in cancelling the trip, chiefly "the mental and physical well-being of our players", "increasing concerns about travelling to the region" and "bubble fatigue", reeked of panic and pretence.

The boards of New Zealand and England, perhaps the ICC too, might compensate Pakistan's logistical loss, but not the damage it has inflicted on a sparkling cricket culture, as deep and diverse, as joyous and frenzied as India's. The cricket-mad country will have to be content with PSL and visits of low-rung nations, even those could be limited in the aftermath of the pullouts, and their best cricketers will be forced to consider someone else's home their home again. That last step on Pakistan's redemption road now looks longer and more arduous than ever before.



A K RAJAN

INDIA IS A federal country; the Indian Constitution distributes the legislative field of education among both states and the Union. The establishment (incorporation), regulation, and winding up of universities is an exclusive state subject. That power is denied to the Parliament.

Admission of students, appointment of teaching faculty, conduct of examination, declaration of results, conferment of degrees, fixation of syllabus are all included within the regulation of the university. "Coordination and determination of standards in higher education" is an exclusive field conferred on the Union. The Union has to co-ordinate with states before fixing such standards. According to the Supreme Court, "The word coordination does not merely mean evaluation but also *harmonising* relationship for concerted action". Without such consultation with the state governments and treating them as equal partners, the Union cannot decide the standards by itself. Even after the 42nd Amendment, the legislative field of "incorporation", "regulation" and "winding up" of the universities, carved out from education, remains with the states.

In 1984, when the demand for certain courses exceeded the number of seats available, Tamil Nadu evolved the Common Entrance Test (CET) for admission to engineering and medical institutions. Later, a decision was taken to abolish all entrance examinations through the "Tamil Nadu admission in professional educational institutions Act 2006" (Act 3/2007). Students were admitted only on the basis of their performance in the qualifying examinations (Class XII marks).

From 1997, the Union government showed its intent to control the admissions to all medical institutions. The Medical Council of India (MCI) on December 21, 2010, and the Dental Council of India (DCI) in 2012, issued notifications prescribing a common entrance examination for admission. The Supreme Court, in 2013, in the *Christian Medical College vs Union of India* case ruled that MCI and DCI had no such powers to regulate the admission of students into medical institutions "since they have the effect of denuding the states, state-run Universities". In the review petitions filed by MCI, the Supreme Court on April 11, 2016 "re-

It encroaches on powers of states, skews field against rural and urban poor

One of the consequences of NEET would be the fall in the number of dedicated doctors willing to serve in remote areas. Till the 1960s, even in Madras City, the number of MBBS doctors was inadequate. Only RMP (registered medical practitioner) and LMP (Licentiate in Medical Practice) diploma holders would treat people. This would have been the state of affairs even in Calcutta, Bombay and Delhi. That situation has changed today, only due to the sustained attention on the improvement of health taken by the states. If the admission of students continues to be done based on NEET, India will go back to the pre-Independence era on public health. There may not be enough doctors available for rural public health centres.

called" the judgment delivered on July 18, 2013.

Within a few days thereafter, the Sankalp Charitable Trust filed a public interest litigation, seeking a direction to make NEET compulsory for admission of students to all medical colleges. That case first appeared before the court on April 27, 2016. The very next day, the writ of mandamus was issued as prayed for. The SC gave the reason that the 2013 judgment had already been recalled therefore, the "notifications dated December 21, 2010 are in operation as on today". Though education is a concurrent subject, NEET was mandated without even giving notice to any of the states. The SC failed to note that the field covered by Entry 25 List III (Concurrent List), is "Education minus establishment and regulation of universities".

The MCI Act, Section 10D, conferred power to regulate admissions to medical colleges. That was inserted only in May 2016. In December 2010, there was no legislative authority to issue such a notification. A valid notification was issued only on January 22, 2018. At present, the MCI Act has been repealed; only the National Medical Commission Act holds the field.

Laws are made for the people; people are not made for law. The success of a law is determined by its outcome. If a law does not achieve the object, the law has to be changed to ensure the desired outcome.

According to our study, NEET has reduced the number of Class XII students getting admitted to medical colleges. Only students who attended coaching classes for two or three years could get admission. Very few "first-generation" students could clear NEET. It shows that the wealthy and powerful have rigged the system of NEET to perpetuate their privilege. The professional classes have figured out how to pass their advantage to their children, converting meritocracy into hereditary aristocracy. There cannot be a competition between a race-horse and a "cart-pulling" horse. The rural and urban poor cannot spend lakhs of rupees to get coached for NEET and cannot afford to wait for two or three years only to prepare for the test.

Conducting NEET and NEXT (National Exit Exam for MBBS) under the NMC Act is also tantamount to shifting the regulation of univer-

sity to the Union list. That amounts to altering the basic structure of the Constitution.

"Public health, hospital and dispensaries" is a state subject. Therefore, there is a constitutional obligation on the state to ensure quality public health even in remote villages, which do not have the facilities available in metro cities. The objective of starting more medical colleges in remote areas is to get qualified doctors in and around that region. Rarely are persons from metropolises willing to serve in remote villages.

Every student entering medical colleges does not become an expert in their field. Every patient does not require such expertise in treatment. But a qualified medical practitioner is required to treat common ailments. That can be achieved only by producing qualified doctors from all areas within a state.

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The SC, as early as 1960, had suggested starting more rural universities to cater to the rural people. Though this was in a case relating to reservations, the rationale is applicable to admissions of students as well. Finally, students should be tested only on what they have learnt in their years of schooling. Testing them through entrance examinations in areas they did not study is nothing but arbitrary.

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BADRI NARAYAN

WHILE ADDRESSING a conference of Brahmins recently, Bahujan Samaj Party chief Mayawati said she will take care of the dignity, glory and livelihood of Brahmins and provide them proper representation in the party and the government. The BSP is trying hard to form a Dalit-Brahmin social alliance for the UP assembly election in 2022. In a way, this is an effort to revive the experiment the BSP had successfully conducted during the 2007 assembly election.

The BSP's electoral strategy is based on forming social alliances of Dalits — its vote base — with other communities. This works in two ways: First, by providing political representation and second, through evolving social harmony or "*bhaichara*". After 2007, the BSP tried to form electoral alliances with communities such as Muslims and Yadavs, but these didn't fetch the expected returns. It, therefore, is attempting to repeat the Dalit-Brahmin alliance experiment that won the party office in 2007 for the forthcoming election.

In this form of social engineering, a community with a lower location in the social hierarchy proposes and leads an alliance with a community that has a higher location, so that they can acquire and share power. The question is whether the two social poles can come together comfortably in 2022.

Post Independence, Indian democracy had, in its own way, ruptured the functioning of the social hierarchy. Brahmins and Dalits, two social poles, started supporting the Congress together and worked politically as an alliance to acquire power. Due to various

## LIMITS OF BHAICHARA POLITICS

BSP's Brahmin outreach may fail in the absence of a social alliance

The cultural-religious symbols through which the BJP works to mobilise the public are very deeply ingrained in the hearts and minds of a major section of the Brahmin public. This has made them a long-term vote base for the BJP.

reasons, contradictions and disillusionment arose in this political alliance which, on the one hand, caused the political downfall of the Congress and, on the other, gave rise to the BSP in north India. The BSP's own Dalit vote base is insufficient for the party to win elections. That is why it started looking for alliances with other communities. It realised that the contradiction of Dalits with the new dominant communities in UP is sharper than with the traditionally dominant communities like Brahmins. This is due to changes in rural land relations and the growing political aspirations of neo-rich, neo-dominant groups, most of whom have emerged from among the OBCs in rural Uttar Pradesh. So it was strategically comfortable for the BSP to form a Dalit-Brahmin alliance under its leadership.

After the decline of the Congress, Brahmins, as a caste, lost their importance in the politics of the state and started rallying around the BJP. The BSP had formed an alliance with the BJP in 1995 after its coalition with the Samajwadi Party failed. Thus, through various ways, Mayawati evolved the BSP's connect with Brahmin leaders and proposed a Dalit-Brahmin alliance under the "*sarvajan*" agenda in 2007. This alliance succeeded because the BSP had developed a comfort level with Brahmin leaders and the community after having worked together for at least six-seven years before the election. This social alliance between Dalits and Brahmins had been forged by forming *bhaichara samitis* (brotherhood committees).

But this time it seems that the BSP is try-

ing to revive a political alliance with Brahmins, which has been a major vote base for the BJP, without developing a social alliance. Dalits at the grassroots may feel comfortable while voting for the BSP along with Brahmins, but a similar socio-political comfort in the Brahmin community can't emerge naturally. The necessary political accommodation has to be cultivated through a rigorous campaign. Merely depending on anti-incumbency or highlighting the perception of Brahmin annoyance with the BJP cannot necessarily produce a shift in allegiance at the grass roots.

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In these conditions, the BSP's over-dependence on the Dalit-Brahmin alliance for electoral victory in 2022 may not yield the expected results. A middle-aged villager from the Jatav community in a village near Allahabad told me, "*Bhaiyya, hum neeche aur upar ek ho jaye to hume kaun hara sakta hai?*" (When people from a lower social location and those from a higher social location come together, then who can defeat us?) But we still need to know whether those referred to as "*uparwaley*" in this conversation feel comfortable in shifting their political position in the favour of the BSP.

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## SEPTEMBER 22, 1981, FORTY YEARS AGO

PM ON PUNJAB

THE PRIME MINISTER is going to Chandigarh on September 22 to study the situation in Punjab after the violence two days ago in the wake of the arrest of Sant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale. She has kept herself in touch with developments in the state on Monday through intelligence reports. Home Minister Giani Zail Singh discussed the situation with the cabinet and home secretaries. He apprised Mrs Gandhi of the latest developments. The PM, it is believed, has doubts on whether Chief Minister Darbara Singh will be able to handle the situation. She is also worried because she will be on an 18-day tour abroad. She has, therefore, asked the

Chief Minister to call an all-party meeting on Tuesday to seek the cooperation of the Opposition in maintaining peace and harmony in the state. She also wants to take the Opposition into confidence in dealing with the situation.

ANTULAY'S FUTURE

THE MYSTERY AROUND Mrs Indira Gandhi's inability to find a successor for Maharashtra Chief Minister A R Antulay remained unsolved. There is a chance of Antulay being given a reprieve till the second week of October, when the PM returns to the country. The central leadership is keen to settle the future of the trusts floated by Antulay

before removing him from office.

HARYANA NO-TRUST

THE HARYANA VIDHAN Sabha rejected a no-trust motion against the Bhajan Lal government by 50 votes to 37. The motion tabled by the BJP, Lok Dal and the Janata Party was the first against the government.

POWER CRISIS

DUE TO AN acute power crisis in the entire northern region, the Centre has asked DESU to curb power consumption. The directive follows the curtailment of power from Bhakra for Delhi with immediate effect.



# THE IDEAS PAGE

## Meat of the matter

The call for food diversity comes up against one question: Is it right to eat certain kinds of food at all?



MUKUND PADMANABHAN

I FOUND MYSELF reading my friend Peter Ronald deSouza’s essay (‘The mutton mince dosa test’, IE, September 15) with a mix of hearty appreciation and nagging disquiet. There is indeed, as he argues, a troubling link between food and fanaticism in India. He is right in saying our attitudes towards what we can and cannot eat have led to a “politics of othering”. While there is much to be said for outrightly condemning violent beef vigilantes or exposing the irrationality of specific food taboos, it is somewhat simplistic to draw up an unreserved case for food diversity, leave alone suggest, as he does, that it is “a good index of a tolerant society.”

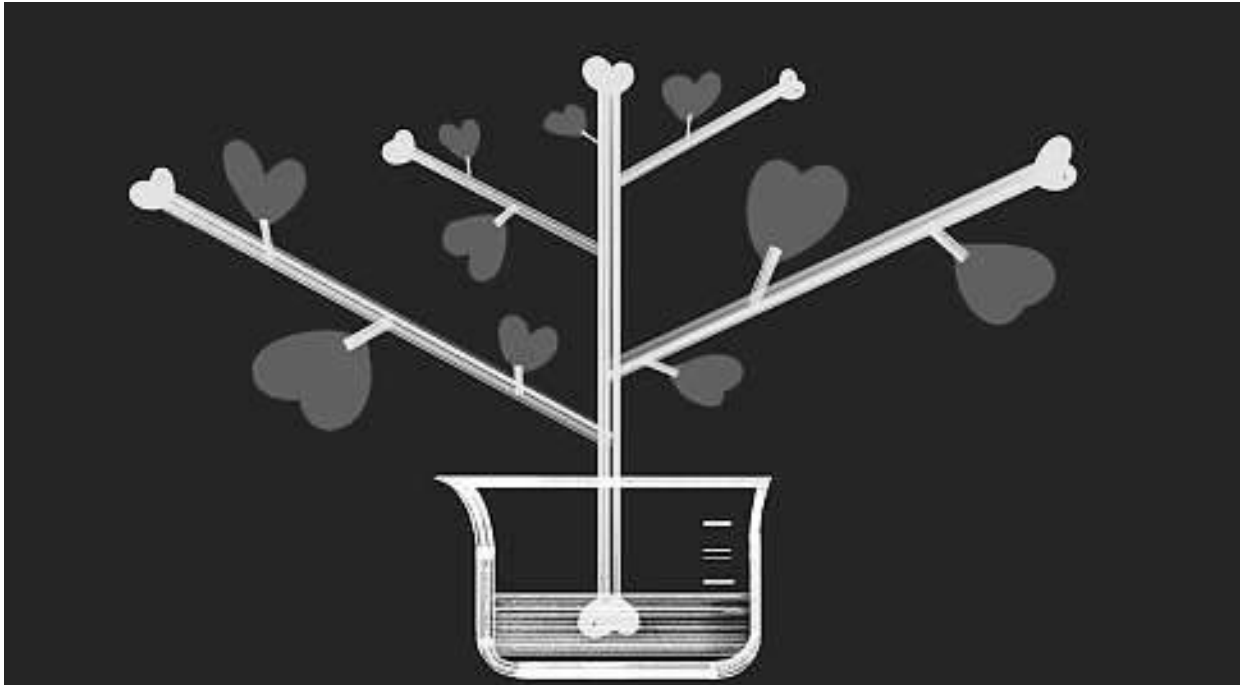
The argument that we must be tolerant about what others eat often involves making a conceptual leap from “descriptive relativism” (the empirical reality that our morality and our cultural practices are diverse) to “ethical relativism” (the theory, in its most extreme forms, that moral truths can be known or determined only within cultural contexts). One man’s meat, as the saying goes, is another man’s poison. And so, isn’t it better to just leave it at that?

This kind of relativism is usually well-meaning, being grounded in notions of plurality and tolerance. Attempts to contest it risk appearing narrow and illiberal. Taboo foods, after all, the main subject of deSouza’s thought-provoking critique, tend to awaken deep-seated cultural prejudices, arouse feelings of revulsion. Surely, the point is to overcome this?

Yes, of course it is. Social discrimination on the basis of food choices is unacceptable. Even so, it is important to remember that at the high table of a true and thoroughgoing food libertarianism, as opposed to that populated with dishes catering to a moderate gastronomic adventurism, it is not enough to be seated (or share) such things as pork curries, beef fries, or mutton mince dosas. One would have to be fine with other more “unusual” dishes as well, such as raw monkey brain, rice wine infused with baby mice, dogs of various breeds, and sautéed tarantula. The people who consume them have as much a right to complain about food puritanism and othering as your everyday desi non-vegetarian.

Reading deSouza’s call for food diversity (which is not quite the same thing as food fusion, which he also celebrates), I realised what nagged me was its deafening silence about one aspect of food ethics — is it right to eat certain kinds of food at all? It’s time to make a disclosure here. For the last year-and-a-half, I have gone from being an occasional non-vegetarian to a vegan. Almost vegan is much more accurate, as I have allowed myself to, on occasion, eat something with butter or ghee rather than risk offending a host and, much worse, caged a bite or two of some milk-infused burfis. Moreover, as the former US President Jimmy Carter admitted in a different context, I have looked at non-vegetarian dishes nostalgically and lovingly, or been routinely disloyal in my mind.

What surprises me though, as a struggling and imperfect vegan, is how people react to veganism. Some believe it is a form of food puritanism, which it most definitely is



CR Sasikumar

not. Others dismiss it as a result of some passing woke trend, an attempt to be a food fusionista (as opposed to a deSouza-like “food fusionista”). Although there are some activists who have given veganism a bad name, very few appreciate that it could also be arrived at through deliberative philosophical inquiry into the ethics of food, its production and consumption. My so-called “conversion” occurred while reading and re-reading Peter Singer, the brilliant (and controversial) Australian philosopher now based at Princeton, as preparation for a couple of bioethics lectures to university students.

The monstrous cruelties that attend industrial factory farming, which author Yuval Noah Harari described as probably the worst crime in history, need no repetition here. But if you do not believe, as some religious texts have declared, that man was made in God’s image and was placed to have dominion over every other living thing on earth, then it is worth at least considering the vegan case, particularly as we now live in a world where human survival and nourishment can sustain without animal slaughter on such a gigantic scale.

Vegetarians like to think they are more humane about their dietary choices, but they rarely consider what goes into the making of dairy products. What it usually means is a long and quick succession of pregnancies for cows and buffalos, their calves separated not so long after birth, and their milk diverted for human consumption. If the calf is female, then it is raised for another succession of economically-lucrative pregnancies. If it’s a male, then it is usually quietly sent to the abattoir.

That the many millions who worship cows in this country choose to be either unaware or unfeeling about how they suffer on account of milk production is reflective of a larger truth. When it comes to thinking about how our food is produced, we would rather not know, or deal with our cognitive dissonances by suppressing what we do know. Allowing oneself to think critically and candidly about food may demand making challenging dietary changes. It is this kind of collective denial that results in activist campaigns, and even books, devoted to climate change failing to make even a passing reference to food. Our food system produces more greenhouse gases than most other sectors, including transportation, but we are

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more comfortable talking about limiting the size of cars than reducing the harm to cows or goats. Never mind also that methane, tonne for tonne, is about 30 times worse in its impact than carbon dioxide by some estimates.

The issue, of course, is not merely whether we are staking our future for the sake of sushi or hamburgers. It seems fair to ask whether animals, particularly those that have sentience (which Singer defines in terms of capacity to feel pleasure and pain) and have some notion of continuity (loosely, a sense of self-awareness over time) are worthy of moral consideration. One may think they don’t, but at the very least, a case needs to be made out for this.

In an intellectual climate where prejudices on the basis of tribe, culture, nation, race, sex, and sexual preference have been rejected, Singer believes we are still struggling to overcome “speciesism”, a bias in favour of one’s own species over that of others. He argues, and disturbingly, that just like racists violate equality by privileging the interests of their own race and sexists violate equality by favouring their own sex, speciesists abuse the interests of members of other species. “The pattern,” he says, “is identical in each case.”

Such veganism is not founded on food puritanism. Neither is it grounded in taboo or irrational revulsion. For instance, some vegans allow themselves to eat bivalves such as clams and mussels because they lack brains as well as a central nervous system. It is important to contrast the philosophical literature on veganism with the narrow and reproachful attitude of many vegan activists, who rely only on moral messaging, fail to recognise their own imperfections, and get the backs of others up through campaigns that seem hostile and denigrating.

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## WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

“Angela Merkel, the longest-serving and most influential European leader of the 21st century has been a vital standard bearer for a consensual, rules-based way of doing politics on the world stage.”  
—THE GUARDIAN

## Making a choice in UP

Communities concerned about the model of governance implemented in the country need enlightened reappraisal of their options



SALMAN KHURSHID

IN YOGI ADITYANATH’S world, ironically like *Sophie’s World*, words mean something different from normal times. Munshi Premchand, who wrote the wonderful short story, *Idgah*, about a little boy who worried that his mother burnt her fingers in preparing roti for him and, therefore, spent his money on buying a pair of tongs instead of sweets like the other children, would have scarce imagined that *abba jaan* could be used as a pejorative term. But that is exactly what has happened. People using the term of respect for their fathers are labelled with those words to describe having taken more than their share of subsidised rations. Of course, not only is the allegation palpably untrue but it is clearly directed against Muslim families to cause provocation of hostility. On the other hand, Premchand’s stories highlight the essential humanity of our experience.

People ask me what theme the Congress will project in the coming elections in UP. It must inevitably be to counter and defeat the coarseness and harshness of the ruling party ethos, the divisive tactics to polarise communities, the insensitivity towards the most vulnerable, the shameless repudiation of the idea of India. This we hope to do with the comforting touch of Premchand, imbued with the reality of human condition but committed to gently chiding the insensitive, and steering the unknowing towards happiness. People also naturally want to know if we have a CM face. Once again, our response is that we, of course, have a face but why for CM alone? Priyanka Gandhi Vadra has taken up the challenge of revitalising the party after its roller-coaster ride of 33 years out of power, but more than that to reverse UP’s slide into a cauldron of human values where life has no price and welfare is all about the volume of votes it can garner.

The *abba jaan* clan are not the only ones to be attacked, as accidental Hindus suffer a similar fate. A universal religion is now sought to be made a monopoly of some, its profound inclusive principles that have been the backbone of Indian secularism twisted into an unrecognisable mass of anger, hate and violence. Yes, Hinduism is in danger but sadly from within. It is the duty of all who cherish the Hindu way of life as indeed those who celebrate the idea of equal space and dignity of all religions, to join the battle to protect faith. Since the adversaries of humanity have sought to divide Hindus and Muslims amongst others, it is the beholden duty of good Hindus and Muslims to come together and defeat the evil designs.

Some people say that the problem is that the bulk of Hindus have chosen to reject the secular project but that is a mistaken view given that the BJP (and their allies who do not all subscribe to the entire range of issues) got only one-third of the total vote in the last general election. There is thus space in the majority community, perhaps it would be correct to say, to support an alternative to the BJP.

Whilst the Hindu, liberal and conservative, will indeed play their part in the defence of India, it is important that the minority communities, particularly Muslims, too play a constructive role to unite the major sections of the non-BJP electorate instead of making myopic, temporary adjustments with entities that can acquire local pockets of power but in real terms are unable to, or are unwilling to, offer a nationwide alternative to PM Modi’s new India. There is no gainsaying that Muslims along with Brahmins and Dalits formed the bulwark of Congress politics till the developments of the past 30 years changed the landscape. Recurring communal riots and the demolition of Babri Masjid contributed to the gradual attrition of vote with periodic reversal of the trend. The Sachar Committee was a far-reaching, visionary exercise but its ground impact was at best mixed. But even then, the BJP let loose a barrage of criticism that now raises its head afresh in the *abba jaan* affair.

In challenging the BJP dominance, no regional party can be expected to sacrifice its political and physical territory but enlightened adjustments will need to be made. But more than that, communities that feel concerned about the model of governance implemented in the country over the past decade, too, need enlightened reappraisal of their options. The “here and now” outcome approach has not given any satisfactory results thus far and is not likely to do any better in the future. Imagined or real disappointments with the Congress, combined with no questions about the empty words of other parties, is not the recipe to address the anguish and anxiety being felt by people due to the short-sighted or devious policies of the present government. The matter is complicated further because the slightest discussion on this score itself is dubbed appeasement and discrimination.

Debate and thorough discussion are the basis of democratic choice, but the concerned groups have to choose in silence because the very mention of a choice triggers outrage contrived to disturb rationality. Thus, the choice made helps the choosers less and the adversary more, an example of a political forced error. It seems that we all have to learn from the errors made and not continue to make them repeatedly by preoccupying ourselves with the blame game.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### KAFKAESQUE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘State of suspicion’ (IE, September 21). The recent order in Kashmir authorising close surveillance of government employees is yet another instance of the state’s heavy-handedness. Besides enabling thought-policing, which is contrary to the spirit of democracy, it also smacks of deep distrust. The potential for misuse in the hands of an authoritarian government cannot be ignored. Combating militancy in the Valley requires a well-considered and meticulous plan. Such repressive tactics, however, would further discontent and should be rescinded.

Ila Railkar, Mumbai

### A MASTERSTROKE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Channi’s challenge’ (IE, September 20). The Indian National Congress has delivered a masterstroke that can turn the tables for the Vidhan Sabha elections in 2022. Picking Charanjit Singh Channi as the state’s first Dalit Chief Minister has given INC the first mover’s advantage in the nick of time, as its state party leadership was fragmenting. However, Channi needs to put on the greatest show of administration in less than a year’s time as the main opposition parties like BSP, AAP and BJP are promising a Dalit chief minister candidate in 2022 as well.

Ankita Sharma, Panchkula

### NOT BY RELIGION

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘An inconvenient truth’ (IE, September 18). The Indian subcontinent is no stranger to the tribulations inflicted on it by scores of foreigners, albeit not from any one particular religion or region. For instance, when we see a Muslim,

Mahmud Ghazni from Afghanistan, plundering our motherland, we also see a Catholic Alexander from Europe vying to do the same, a Genghiz Khan from Mongolia (not a Muslim, even if his last name might suggest so), whose attempt was warded off by Alauddin Khilji, while not forgetting the British who marauded us most rapaciously of all. Thus, conflating the invasions with religion will serve only to drive further schisms into society. What is needed perhaps, is a Truth and Reconciliation Commission like the one established in South Africa in 1995 to uncover the truths about human rights violations committed during the apartheid regime. This approach is far more humane than retribution. It requires a contrite and conscious acknowledgement of the fact that whatever grotesque injustice happened in the past was wrong, notwithstanding the religious affiliations of the victims, and that it never be repeated again. Looking forward is the only way to make our great nation pace ahead.

Vinay Saroha, Delhi

### AUKUS BOOST

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘Feud among friends’ (IE, September 21). Notwithstanding French anger at AUKUS, availability of eight nuclear powered submarines in Indo-Pacific is a big security bonus for India. China will be now forced to reorient its focus entirely on this region and the Taiwan straits, which will open up more options for India along the LAC. The US has calculated that a suitable commercial package to French defence industry in near future will noise their anger. Polite diplomatic noise will serve India’s interests best in this feud among friends.

HN Bhagwat, Chiplun



MEERAN CHADHA BORWANKAR

## For a citizen’s police

Police reforms remain on paper, people must demand accountability

SEPTEMBER 22 NEEDS to be celebrated as “Police Reforms Day” because of the Supreme Court’s historic verdict on this day in 2006 in a writ petition by Prakash Singh and others. The three-judge bench consisting of Justices Y K Sabharwal, C K Thakker and P K Balasubramanyan studied the “distortions and aberrations” in the functioning of the police and had given seven significant directions. If implemented, they will be game-changers for the citizens of India and the police.

However, politicians and corrupt police officers together are obstructing the implementation of the reforms. The Sachin Waze-Param Bir Singh-Anil Deshmukh saga is a recent example of dangerous collusion. It is for ending such unholy nexuses that the SC had intervened to set law enforcement agencies free from the clutches of self-serving political leaders. To enable honest police officers to concentrate on their professional work of crime prevention, investigation and maintenance of public order, instead of being used and abused by those in power. One major cause for the tardy progress of police reforms is the lack of public awareness and sustained interest in law enforcement.

Citizens cry out loudly if there is a cruel rape, merciless murder or daylight robbery but later go into a slumber, which encourages political parties to maintain the status quo. The SC, therefore, took the lead to initiate reforms aiming at citizen-centric policing. It

mandated that all postings, from the officer-in-charge of a police station to the head of the department, should be based on merit. Currently, closeness to the ruling party is the sole criterion. Police officers, therefore, are busy cultivating politicians instead of looking after the interests of citizens. To check this all-pervasive detrimental practice of “cherry-picking”, the court had directed the formation of Establishment Boards for unbiased postings, transfers, promotions and other service-related matters regarding police officers. It involved the Union Public Service Commission for the selection of heads of state police forces. The court’s insistence on fixed tenure to all operational heads is to give adequate time to police leaders to implement their policies. Otherwise, their tenures have been solely dependent on the pleasure or displeasure of the ruling party.

The creation of Security Commissions at the Centre and in states as directed by the court would ensure robust policy-making at both levels. It would also protect the police from unwarranted political pressures, enabling them to concentrate on core issues. The court has further sought a separation of law and order and crime investigation. It would reduce the workload of police officers. The ‘Status of Police in India Report 2019’ (SPIR) by Common Cause, Lokniti, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS) and Tata Trusts found that “police personnel of

nearly all the states (are) excessively over-worked, with average personnel working for 14 hours a day”.

Another police reform that is entirely in the interest of citizens is establishing “complaint authorities” at district and state levels. Such impartial and independent committees are meant to enquire into the allegations of police misconduct or harassment and provide succour to the community.

The seven major reforms aim to revamp law enforcement agencies, but the response from the states has been lukewarm. One can also discern deliberate sabotage by political parties as they tend to appoint their favourites to Establishment Boards and complaint authorities. Giving extensions to preferred officers who are on the verge of retirement to harass or silence dissent is also being resorted to. As a result, these bodies, even if created in some states, have failed to win the confidence of either police officers or citizens. And this is not peculiar to any one political party, all of them are united in their effort to “cage the parrot”.

If police reforms are implemented in true earnestness, criminals like Vikas Dubey will not be allowed to kill police officers in uniform. Nor will felonious men go around raping women. Because officers leading police stations and districts, being men and women of merit, will act well in time to prevent such crime. If we want to ensure that criminals do not prowl fearlessly and wish to improve con-

viction rates, the merit of police officers should be the sole criterion for their appointment in police stations and above. And the Supreme Court has laboriously factored this in its order.

Presently, small-time criminals gradually become dons due to political patronage. Initially, they are used to threaten “inconvenient” persons. Gradually, they start their own extortion rackets or take to violence, adulteration or hoarding of essential commodities as local politicians successfully neutralise the police and other enforcement agencies. Entering into dubious land deals, real estate, hotel and restaurant businesses flushed with black money, they form dangerous criminal gangs. Giving protection to these illegal activities and collecting money from them enriches officers of different departments as well as politicians. It is a vicious cycle. And it is this politician-officer-criminal nexus that the SC tried to demolish in 2006.

It is in the interest of all of us to pursue police reforms vigorously and to hold Union and state governments accountable for their failure to do so. The Supreme Court has laid down a clear and cogent process for creating citizen-centric police. The onus of getting it implemented is entirely on us.

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TOPOF THE  
WORLD

Prince Andrew

UNITED STATES  
Prince Andrew  
served sexual  
assault lawsuit

**New York:** Britain's Prince Andrew has been served with a sexual assault lawsuit in the United States by lawyers for a woman who says she was forced to have sex with him at the London home of a friend of convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, court papers show. In a filing with the US District Court in Manhattan, lawyers for Virginia Giuffre said they sent the civil lawsuit to the prince's Los Angeles-based lawyer by email and FedEx. Under federal rules, the Duke of York has 21 days to respond or could face a default judgment. Giuffre's lawyers previously said they also served Andrew, who is Queen Elizabeth's second son, in Britain. **REUTERS**

## SUDAN

Govt says coup  
thwarted, points  
to ex-president

**Khartoum:** Sudanese authorities said they had foiled an attempted coup on Tuesday, accusing loyalists of ousted president Omar al-Bashir of trying to reverse the revolution that removed him from power in 2019 and ushered in a transition to democracy. In a brief statement on state TV, the army said the situation was under control. The streets of the capital Khartoum appeared calm, with people moving around as usual and no unusual deployments of security forces, a witness said. **REUTERS**

## PAKISTAN

9 killed, 6 injured  
after clash at  
jirga meeting

**Peshawar:** At least nine people have died, including two local council members, and six others injured after two groups opened fire and clashed during a jirga meeting in northwest Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, officials said on Tuesday. The jirga meeting — a traditional assembly of village elders which settles disputes based on teachings of Pashtunwali — was being held in Veraval Bandagai village of upper Dir district on Monday evening, officials said. The dispute was over land and construction of a feeder road, they said. **PTI**

Trudeau set to remain PM  
but falls short of majority

17 Indian-origin leaders among winners as Canadians criticise cost of election

## AGENCIES

OTTAWA, SEPTEMBER 21

**PRIME MINISTER** Justin Trudeau's political gamble failed to pay off Monday when Canadian voters returned him to office but denied him the expanded bloc of power he had been seeking in Parliament.

Unofficial election results on Monday indicated that while he would remain as prime minister, it would again be as the head of a minority government.

Many Canadians vented their fury at the C\$612 million (\$477.60 million) cost of the election. 'Waste of money' trended on social media as voters questioned the time and expense involved. Elections Canada, which runs the vote, projected that it cost C\$110 million more than the 2019 election.

The vote also happened as the Liberals have run up a record national debt of C\$1 trillion (\$785 billion) to manage the pandemic and pushed budget deficits to highs not seen since World War II.

In August, with his approval ratings high, Trudeau called a "snap election," summoning voters to the polls two years before he had to. The goal, he said, was to obtain a strong mandate for his Liberal Party to lead the nation out of the pandemic and into recovery.

But the announcement was not well received by many Canadians. Alarm that the government was holding an election when it did not have to, even as the Delta variant was straining

Justin Trudeau with his wife Sophie Gregoire and their children Ella-Grace and Xavier in Montreal. *Reuters*

hospitals in some areas, never abated for many voters during the 36-day campaign.

Many Canadians suspected that his true ambitions were mere political opportunism, and that he was trying to regain the parliamentary majority the Liberals had until they lost seats in the 2019 election. And Trudeau's opponents were quick to characterize his move as a reckless power grab. Erin O'Toole, the Conservative leader, went so far as to call it "un-Canadian".

Whatever his motive, it did not work.

With some votes still being cast or uncounted, the preliminary results were a near repeat of the previous vote. The Liberal Party won 156 seats on Monday — one fewer than it acquired in 2019 — while its main rival, the Conservative Party, won 121

seats, the same as before.

In his victory speech early Tuesday, Trudeau acknowledged the unpopularity of his call for a snap election.

"You don't want us talking about politics or elections anymore; you want us to focus on the work that we have to do for you," he told a partisan crowd in Montreal. "You just want to get back to the things you love, not worry about this pandemic, or about an election."

In the end, Mr. Trudeau not only failed to secure a majority in Parliament, according to unofficial results, he may have also squandered the good will he had gained as he led his nation through the coronavirus crisis.

Experts said it is unclear how long any Liberal minority government will be able to hold together and what this will all

## EXPLAINED

What the poll  
results mean  
for Trudeau

THE OUTCOME of the polls leave Justin Trudeau in a familiar situation - to pass any laws, he will have to win members of the opposition over to his side. And, at least in theory, his party's shaky grip on power leaves his government vulnerable to being overturned by Parliament.

mean for the party's leader.

**ENS ADDS:** Seventeen Indo-Canadians, mainly of Punjabi origin, emerged victorious in the elections. There were a total of 49 members of the community in the fray this year.

Three current ministers — Harjit Sajjan, Anita Anand and Bardish Chaggar — and NDP chief Jagmeet Singh were among those who won the polls.

Jagmeet, who won by almost 40 per cent of the vote share from Burnaby South, congratulated Trudeau and said, "I want to say that Canadians know that you can count on the New Democrats to continue fighting for you..."

Meanwhile Sajjan was re-elected despite the cloud of misconduct allegations hanging over the Canadian Forces and the government's handling of the situation in Afghanistan.

CIA officer  
suffers Havana  
syndrome on  
India trip: reports

## REUTERS

WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 21

A CIA officer who was traveling with agency director William Burns to India this month reported symptoms consistent with Havana syndrome, *CNN* and the *New York Times* reported on Monday.

The victim, who was not identified, had to receive medical attention, *CNN* reported, citing unnamed sources.

Some 200 US officials and family members have been sickened by Havana syndrome, a mysterious set of ailments that include migraines, nausea, memory lapses and dizziness. It was first reported by officials based in the US embassy in Cuba in 2016.

A CIA spokesperson said in a statement to *Reuters* the agency does not comment on specific incidents or officers. "We have protocols in place for when individuals report possible anomalous health incidents that include receiving appropriate medical treatment," the spokesperson said.

Burns said in July he had tapped a senior officer who once led the hunt for Osama bin Laden to head a task force investigating the syndrome.

Burns has said there is a "very strong possibility" that the syndrome is intentionally caused and that Russia could be responsible.

CHANGES TWITTER BIO IN APPARENT JIBE AT CRITICS

## SALVADORAN PRESIDENT JOKES HE IS 'DICTATOR'

El Salvador's President Nayib Bukele, an often provocative user of social media, has changed his Twitter profile to read 'Dictator of El Salvador', in what appears to be a bid to mock critics who accuse him of having autocratic tendencies. The office of Bukele, who opinion polls show is one of the most popular leaders in the Americas, did not reply to a request for comment.

Biden declares world at  
'inflection point', says US  
not seeking new Cold War

## AGENCIES

UNITED NATIONS, SEPT 21

PRESIDENT JOE Biden used his first address before the UN General Assembly on Tuesday to declare that the world stands at an "inflection point in history" and must move quickly and cooperatively to address the festering issues of the Covid-19 pandemic, climate change and human rights abuse.

Speaking to a smaller than usual audience of his peers because of the still-raging Covid-19 pandemic, Biden insisted that the United States and its Western allies would remain vital partners, saying, "No matter how challenging or how complex the problems we're going to face, government by and for the people is still the best way to deliver for all of our people."

Calling for the world to make the use of force "our tool of last resort, not our first," he defended his decision to end the US war in Afghanistan, a chaotic withdrawal of American troops that left allies blindsided.

"Today, many of our greatest concerns cannot be solved or even addressed by the force of arms," he said.

"Bombs and bullets cannot defend against Covid-19 or its future variants."

The president noted his decision to end America's longest war in Afghanistan, and set the table for his administration to shift US attention to intensive diplomacy with no shortage of crises facing the globe. He said he is driven by a belief that "to deliver for our own people, we must also engage deeply with the rest of the world."

"We've ended 20 years of conflict in Afghanistan," Biden said. "And as we close this period of relentless war, we're opening a new era of relentless diplomacy of using the power of our

US President Joe Biden *Reuters*

development aid to invest in new ways of lifting people up around the world."

Biden's familiar refrain that the world must choose between democracy and autocracy looks different now that the Taliban are once again in control of Kabul, reversing many of the democratic gains of the past 20 years. Covid is resurging in much of the world. And the French just recalled their ambassador in outrage - not just over losing a \$60 billion-plus submarine contract, but because it was made clear they are not in the inner circle of allies.

He said the world faced a choice between the democratic values espoused by the West and the disregard for them by China and other authoritarian governments. "The future belongs to those who give their people the ability to breathe free, not those who seek to suffocate their people with an iron hand authoritarianism," Biden said.

"The authoritarians of the world, they seek to proclaim the end of the age of democracy, but they're wrong."

But amid growing China tensions Biden also declared the US is "not seeking a new Cold War."

Without mentioning China directly, Biden acknowledged increasing concerns about rising tensions between the two na-

WORLD NEVER BEEN  
MORE THREATENED  
OR DIVIDED: UN CHIEF

**United Nations:** The world has never been more threatened or more divided, and is facing the "greatest cascade" of crises, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres told global leaders on Tuesday, sounding an alarm over the pandemic, a climate crisis pummeling the planet and an upheaval in Afghanistan and other nations that is thwarting peace.

Guterres, in his address to the opening of the General Debate of the 76th Session of the General Assembly, said, "I am here to sound the alarm: The world must wake up. We are on the edge of an abyss — and moving in the wrong direction. Our world has never been more threatened. Or more divided. We face the greatest cascade of crises in our lifetimes." **PTI**

tions. But he said, "We are not seeking a new Cold War or a world divided into rigid blocs."

Speaking about climate change, Biden said, "This year has also brought widespread death and devastation from the borderless climate crisis... Extreme weather events that we've seen in every part of the world — and you all know it and feel it — represent what the secretary general has rightly called Code Red for humanity."

On Covid, Mr. Biden urged leaders to move more quickly to rein in a pandemic that has killed millions. "We need a collective act of science and political will," he said. "We need to act now to get shots in arms as fast as possible, and expand access to oxygen, tests, treatments, to save lives around the world."

Taliban expands Afghanistan  
cabinet, fails to appoint women

## KATHY GANNON

KABUL, SEPTEMBER 21

THE TALIBAN expanded their interim Cabinet by naming more ministers and deputies Tuesday, but failed to appoint any women, doubling down on a hard-line course despite the international outcry that followed their initial presentation of an all-male government lineup.

At a news conference, Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid held out the possibility of adding women to the Cabinet at a later time, but gave no specifics. He also said the Taliban are preparing rules for allowing teenage girls and women to return to schools and jobs in line with Islamic law, but did not say when that might happen.

Mujahid defended the latest additions to the Cabinet, saying they included members of ethnic minorities, such as the Hazaras. He said the deputies were chosen for their technical skills.

The Taliban have framed their current Cabinet as an interim government, suggesting that change is still possible, but have not said

Taliban fighters in Kabul sit in front of a mural depicting a woman behind barbed wires. *AP*

if there would ever be elections.

Mujahid was also asked about the recent decision to not allow girls in grades 7 to 12 to return to classrooms. Mujahid said this was a temporary decision, and that "soon it will be announced when they can go to school."

At the moment, girls in grades one to six are allowed to go to school, and women in universities can pursue their studies, but only in gender-segregated settings and while complying with an Islamic dress code. **AP**

**Lack of inclusive govt may lead to civil war: Imran**

**Islamabad:** Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan on Tuesday called on the Taliban to form an inclusive government in Afghanistan, warning that a failure to do so could see the neighbouring country descend into civil war and turn into an "ideal place" for terrorists.

Khan also said that preventing women from accessing education in Afghanistan would be un-Islamic. **PTI**

EU court says Russia was behind  
assassination of Litvinenko in UK

## REUTERS

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 21

THE EUROPEAN Court of Human Rights found on Tuesday that Russia was responsible for the assassination of ex-KGB officer Alexander Litvinenko, who died an agonising death in 2006 after being poisoned in London with a rare radioactive substance.

Litvinenko, a defector who had become a vocal critic of the Kremlin, died three weeks after drinking green tea laced with polonium-210 at a London hotel.

Britain has long blamed the attack on Moscow, and the European court in Strasbourg agreed, saying "Mr Litvinenko's assassination was imputable to Russia", its statement said.

Former KGB  
officer  
Alexander  
Litvinenko

From his deathbed, Litvinenko had told detectives he believed President Vladimir Putin — a former KGB spy who went on to head the contemporary FSB before rising to become Russia's leader — had directly ordered his killing.

The use of a rare radioactive isotope on the streets of London plunged Western mistrust of the Kremlin to what was then a post-Cold War low. Moscow and the men Britain accused of carrying out the murder have always denied any involvement.

UK charges another  
Russian for nerve  
attack on double agent

**London:** British police said Tuesday they are charging a third Russian suspect in the 2018 nerve agent attack on a former Russian agent in England.

Scotland Yard said prosecutors believe there is sufficient evidence to charge Denis Sergeev.

Former Russian spy Sergei Skripal and his daughter, Yulia, were targeted in a nerve agent attack in March 2018 in the English city of Salisbury that British authorities said had almost certainly approved been "at a senior level of the Russian state." Moscow has vehemently denied the allegations. **AP**

## After Afghans fell from plane, families live with horror

## ASSOCIATED PRESS

KABUL, SEPTEMBER 21

IT'S A scene that has come to symbolize the chaotic end to America's 20 years of war in Afghanistan: A lumbering US Air Force cargo plane takes off from Kabul airport, chased by hundreds of desperate Afghan men scrambling to get on the aircraft.

As the C-17 transporter gains altitude, shaky mobile phone video captures two tiny dots dropping from the plane. Footage from another angle shows many in the crowd on the tarmac stopping in their tracks and pointing.

The full extent of the horror becomes apparent only later. The dots, it turns out, were desperate Afghans hidden in the wheel well. As the wheels folded

Crowds outside the Kabul airport on August 25. *Reuters file*

into the body of the plane, the stowaways faced the choice of being crushed to death or letting go and plunging to the ground.

More than a month later, much remains unclear about

what happened in that tragic takeoff on August 16.

The U.S. military says it has not completed its investigation into the day. It said the C-17 was bringing in supplies for the evac-

uation effort at the airport but was mobbed by Afghans on the tarmac as it landed. Fearing the plane would be overwhelmed, the crew decided to take off again without unloading the cargo.

One of those tucked into the wheel well was Fida Mohammad, a 24-year-old dentist. He had married last year in an extravagant ceremony that cost his family \$13,000. His dream of opening a dental clinic in Kabul had become a reality.

Then the Taliban seized Kabul, and all the possibilities for his future seemed to disappear, his father Painda Mohammad told *The Associated Press*.

The older man still struggles to understand what his son was thinking when he climbed into the wheel well.

Burying his head in his hands, Painda says he spends

hours imagining his son's final minutes, the fear he must have felt as the earth below him began to disappear and the wheels swung in, knowing he had no choice but to let go.

Another victim was 17-year-old Zaki Anwari, a rising star on Afghanistan's national soccer team. He was too young to have known the Taliban's harsh rule of the late 1990s. But as the militant force swept through the provinces, Zaki's social media were flooded by rumors and horror stories purporting to tell of life under the Taliban.

Painda Mohammad, the young dentist's father, watches over and over videos on his phone showing his son dancing at his wedding.

Through his tears, he said, "He was a gift from God and now God has taken him back."





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Crude oil (Indian basket) as of September 20

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International market data till 1900 IST

BANKING WATCH  
SBI REPORT

## ‘Real returns negative, need review of tax on bank deposits’

ENSECONOMICBUREAU  
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 21

WITH THE real rate of return on bank deposits remaining negative “for a considerable period of time”, it’s time to re-visit the taxation of interest on bank deposits, State Bank of India said in a research report.

Arguing for more sops to depositors, the SBI report said the threshold of exemption for senior citizens should be reviewed. “The RBI can relook at the regulation that does not allow interest rates of banks to be determined as per age-wise demographics,” it said. The interest income from bank fixed deposits is subject to TDS (tax deducted at source) at 10 per cent but can be deducted at 20 per cent if PAN is not furnished. Banks deduct TDS on interest paid on fixed deposits when interest income exceeds Rs 40,000 (Rs 50,000 for senior citizens) in any given financial year. So, if the depositor is in highest tax bracket of 30 per cent, merely paying TDS of 10 per cent will not be enough. Retail inflation is above 5 per cent while one-year term deposit gets less than 5 per cent interest rate, giving negative returns on deposits.

The total number of depositors in the banking system is around 207 crore and the number of creditors is at 27 crores. The total bank deposits at Rs 151 lakh crore constitute Rs 102 lakh crore of retail deposits, including that of senior citizens. “Clearly, real rate of return on bank deposits has been negative for a sizeable period

EXPLAINED  
Inflation woes

CURRENTLY, RETAIL inflation is above five per cent while one-year term deposit gets less than five per cent interest rate, giving negative returns on deposits.

of time and with RBI making it abundantly clear that supporting growth is the primary goal, the low banking rate of interest is unlikely to make a north bound movement anytime soon as liquidity continues to be plentiful,” said the report authored by Soumya Kanti Ghosh, group chief economic adviser, SBI.

The negative return from bank deposits could be one of the reasons for households to divert funds to the stock markets for more returns. “This (negative returns on deposits) implies that the current bull run in financial markets is possibly a break from the past as households may have got into the bandwagon of self-fulfilling prophecy of a decent return on their investment,” the report said.

According to the SBI report, in banking sector’s total term deposits, contribution by 40-million plus senior citizens, who remain much dependent on accrued interest income for meeting most of their fixed expenditure needs, hovers around 20 per cent.

Full report on [www.indianexpress.com](http://www.indianexpress.com)

## REJECTS AIRLINE PROPOSAL TO CLEAR DUES IN INSTALMENTS

## Excise dept asks SpiceJet to pay ‘GST dues’ of ₹285 cr to Haryana

KHUSHBOONARAYAN  
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 21

THE EXCISE and Taxation Department of Haryana has asked SpiceJet Ltd to clear Goods and Services Tax dues of Rs 285.86 crore after rejecting the airline’s proposal to clear its admitted dues in instalments, as per a September 10 order of the tax authority.

According to the order, SpiceJet owes Rs 163.22 crore in forward charge liability and a reverse charge liability of Rs 122.64 crore from 2019-20 till September 7, 2021, to the Haryana government.

In an email response to queries, the spokesperson for SpiceJet said, “The GST outstanding amount mentioned in your query is completely wrong and baseless. The outstanding amount, as has been widely reported in the media, is Rs 80 crore. The outstanding amount is mainly under reverse charge mechanism and not something which the company has collected and not paid and your query on that count is completely wrong and we strongly deny it.”

The airline said the excise department has issued a recovery notice of Rs 87 crore and the company has deposited Rs 9 crore with the department.



The tax authority issued the order on September 10. File

The company said the High Court had observed that SpiceJet’s plea for paying dues in instalments is a fair one since the operations were curtailed due to Covid pandemic. “The matter is pending adjudication before the court. It should be noted that SpiceJet has already progressed on the payment of GST liabilities as per the plan submitted by the company demonstrating its bonafide,” the airline added.

In July, the tax authority issued a notice to SpiceJet, asking it to clear its dues. However, the airline approached the Punjab and Haryana High Court with a plea to quash the tax notice and allow them to clear dues in instalments.

On August 17, the High Court passed an order, asking the Excise Department to hear the repay-

ment proposal of the airline and pass a speaking order in the case within two weeks of receiving the certified copy of the High Court ruling. Subsequently, the tax authority allowed personal hearings to the airline on August 31 and September 7 and three days later, on September 10, the tax agency turned down the payment proposal of SpiceJet.

The tax order said SpiceJet, in its representation to the Department on September 7, proposed to “discharge the total estimated liability of Rs 285.86 crore up to September 2021, which includes reverse charge liability of Rs 122.64 crore and forward charge liability of Rs 163.22 crore”.

The tax order added that of the Rs 163.33 crore forward charge liability admitted by SpiceJet, the company has declared only Rs

128.53 crore in its returns.

“I find that the liability of Rs 34.69 crore has been collected but not declared by the applicant in Form GSTR-1,” said the order.

The order added, “I find that the power to pay in instalments is provided under Section 80 of the HGST (Haryana GST) Act, 2017 ... On a close reading of the said Section, it is clear that the Section does not enable the payment of tax liability in instalments in cases where the tax liability is due as per the liability declared by the taxpayer in any return. Herein, I find that the applicant has self assessed and declared an amount of Rs 128.53 crore in the form GSTR-1 ... but the same has not been discharged either through cash or input tax credit in Form GSTR-3. Therefore, I find that I have no statutory power under HGST Act, 2017 to provide for instalments for such amount.”

The order said the bank guarantee offered by SpiceJet under the repayment proposal is not “an adequate collateral or guarantee in the event of default”.

Under the HGST norms, extension of time for payment of taxes is allowed only for liabilities that have not been self-assessed by the taxpayer in any tax returns.

AFTER WITNESSING TWO WAVES OF THE PANDEMIC, INDIA IS “CAUTIOUSLY RETURNING” TO A STATE OF “BUSINESS AS USUAL”, SAID THE DELOITTE’S GLOBAL STATE OF CONSUMER TRACKER

**Decreasing number** of COVID-19 cases as well as an aggressive vaccination drive have brought in a new wave of confidence amongst Indian consumers

**The findings** of the report reflect that the Indian consumer is “ready to spend more on discretionary items, feels safe about returning to work place, wants to spend on travel

**Indian consumer** is less hesitant about in-person events and activities

**Easing** of curbs, along with an accelerated vaccination drive, has fuelled positive sentiment

**With robust vaccination**, Indians are slowly returning to the workplace

Source: Deloitte/PTI

## ‘Consumption revival on track, discretionary spending rises’

Indians are slowly making their way back to the office and is witnessing a consumption revival in the country with spending intent shifting towards more discretionary items, according to a report by Deloitte



## BRIEFLY

## SIM at doorsteps

**New Delhi:** The DoT has issued an order that enables customers to apply for a new mobile connection online and get the SIM delivered at doorstep after verifying themselves via Aadhaar or other eligible documents stored in Digilocker. **PTI**

## E-comm rules

**New Delhi:** The Finance Ministry has described some proposals of the plan to tighten rules on e-commerce market as “excessive” and “without economic rationale”, memos sent by *Reuters* show. The Finance Ministry didn’t respond to requests for comment. **REUTERS**

## Sebi, RIL

**New Delhi:** Sebi disposed of adjudication proceedings without imposing fine on RIL.

## Maruti cars

**New Delhi:** Maruti Suzuki India will keep developing cars with great fuel efficiency, said senior executive director (sales and marketing) Shashank Srivastava. **PTI**

## AP conclave

**New Delhi:** Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy on Tuesday launched a two-day ‘Vanijya Utsav-2021’ to boost trade and exports in the state.

## AIMA award



**New Delhi:** All India Management Association (AIMA) has bestowed the Business Leader of the year award to Sanjiv Goenka, chairman, RP Sanjiv Goenka Group. **ENS**

## Adani Group to invest \$20 bn in green energy over 10 years

**New Delhi:** Adani Group will invest \$20 billion in renewable energy over 10 years and will aim to make its ports business a net-zero carbon emitter by 2025, chairman Gautam Adani said Tuesday.

He told a JPMorgan India investor summit the money would be invested across the group’s renewable energy generation.

“This also opens up several new pathways for us including setting us up to be one of the largest green hydrogen producers in the world,” Adani said. The group will triple its renewable power generation capacity to 63 per cent of its total portfolio from 21 per cent currently, Adani said. **REUTERS**

## Evergrande wooed investors with Gucci bags, Dyson appliances

REUTERS

SHANGHAI, SEPTEMBER 21

LURED BY the promise of yields approaching 12 per cent, gifts such as Dyson air purifiers and Gucci bags, and the guarantee of China’s top-selling developer, tens of thousands of investors bought wealth management products through China Evergrande Group.

Now, many fear they may never get their investments back after the cash-strapped property developer recently stopped repaying some investors and set off global alarm bells. Some have been protesting at Evergrande offices, refusing to accept the company’s plan to provide payment with discounted apartments, offices, stores and parking units.

Meanwhile, S&P Global Ratings downgraded Sinic Holdings to ‘CCC+’ on Tuesday, citing the developer’s failure “to communicate a clear repayment plan.”

## ‘Not part of IBC’: NCLAT questions success fee for RPs

KARUNJIT SINGH  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

THE NATIONAL Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) has raised doubts over the legality of success fees paid to resolution professionals upon the completion of a successful corporate resolution under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC).

Resolution Professionals (RPs) and agencies hired by them to assist in management of resolution proceedings in some cases charge success fees contingent on a successful resolution for the company as part of their payment structure instead of higher upfront monthly fees. According to experts, these

**As per experts, these fees can range from 0.1-1% of total recoveries based on the assets of the corporate debtor**

fees can range from 0.1 per cent to 1 per cent of total recoveries based on assets of the corporate debtor.

“... we hold that ‘success fees’ which is more in the nature of contingency and speculative is not part of the provisions of the IBC and the Regulations and the same is not chargeable,” the NCLAT held in a judgment on Monday. The NCLAT upheld an order by the NCLT to disallow the payment of

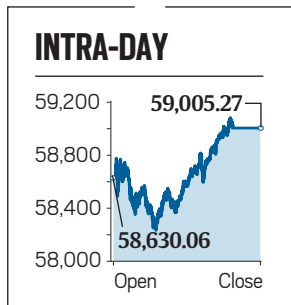
success fees to the Resolution Professional of Ariosto Developers Pvt Ltd (ADPL), noting particularly that even if success fee is to be chargeable, the introduction and approval of success fee at the time of approval was done in by the creditors of ADPL was “improper and incorrect.”

Experts said that success fees offered a valuable payment option to creditors. Anoop Rawat, partner at Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas and Co said success fees were a great way in which creditors could get services of quality experts without having to pay very high monthly fees for a process which may drag on without a successful resolution for a long period of time.

## Eye on US Fed meet, Sensex stages recovery



Evergrande’s headquarters in Shenzhen, China. Reuters file

ENSECONOMICBUREAU  
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 21

AFTER TWO days of sharp correction, indices witnessed a sharp pull-back rally to reverse the falling trend. The benchmark Sensex, which fell 525 points on Monday, bounced back by 514 points to 59,005.27 and the NSE Nifty index rallied 165 points to 17,562.00.

The rupee recovered by 13 paise to close at 73.61 against the US dollar.

## Carlyle arm sells 3.4% in SBI Cards for ₹3,267 cr

**New Delhi:** CARover Holdings, part of the Carlyle Group, on Tuesday sold 3.4 per cent stake in SBI Cards and Payment Services Ltd for Rs 3,267 crore through open market transactions.

According to bulk deal data available with the NSE, the private equity firm sold a total of 3.2 crore shares, amounting to 3.4 per cent stake. The shares were sold at an average price of Rs 1,021.05, valuing the transaction at Rs 3,267 crore, the data showed.

Meanwhile, Societe Generale purchased 85,06,161 shares of the credit card issuer. **ENS**

## Netflix CEO in India, takes up IT rules with Thakur

ENSECONOMICBUREAU  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

NETFLIX CHAIRMAN and CEO Reed Hastings, who is currently visiting India, met with Minister of Information & Broadcasting Anurag Thakur and other senior government officials on Tuesday. According to government sources, the newly implemented Information Technology Rules were among the subjects that came up for discussion.

“Good discussion with Mr Reed Hastings (Co-Founder & CEO Netflix). Today consumers of content are traveling the world through stories; India offers a variety of opportunities and ideas - in multiple languages. I presented the Bhagwat Gita to Mr Hastings,” Thakur posted on Instagram.

The Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021, for the first time have taken digital media and over the top platforms such as Netflix, Hotstar, and Amazon Prime under its ambit. These rules have laid out a three-tier regulatory mechanism with an inter-ministerial committee comprising Central government secretaries at the top. In the first tier, the platforms are required to appoint an internal compliance officer that would decide on a complaint against content published by the platform. The second tier calls for associations set up by such platforms to form an oversight body. A complainant dissatisfied with the first tier ruling may approach such a body.

Hastings’ visit to India has come just months after Netflix an-



Netflix Chairman and CEO Reed Hastings with I&amp;B Minister Anurag Thakur. via @anuragthakur Twitter handle

nounced that its first “fully owned, live-action, full-service post-production facility” in the world will be opened in Mumbai by next year. “To be fully operational by June 2022, the facility will have 40 offline editing rooms designed as a flexible, collaborative and inspiring environment for showrunners, directors, editors and sound designers to create their best work,” Netflix had said.

The online video streaming company based in Los Gatos, California, has invested Rs 3,000 crore in Indian programming over 2019 and 2020, and this March it announced a slate of 41 new titles. “We launched NetFX last year, a platform that enables multiple Indian artists to work on VFX (visual effects) for titles globally. We are investing in the latest technologies and skill development through multiple certifications and training workshops in post-production, script writing and other aspects of creative production,” it noted.

## For safety, govt amends ammonium nitrate rules

ENSECONOMICBUREAU  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

MINDFUL OF the explosion in Beirut, Lebanon, in August last year that led to the deaths of over 200 people, the government has amended rules for storage and handling of ammonium nitrate to improve public safety, including requiring fire fighting facilities.

The rules require that ammonium nitrate received at ports be transferred to storage houses 500 metres beyond the port area.

The rules also permit the auction of seized lots of ammonium nitrate to ensure safe and speedy disposal besides requiring that Ammonium Nitrate be imported in bagged form only.

## Oxygen production capacity enhanced

Production capacity for liquid oxygen, which was found to be in short supply in various hospitals during the second wave of Covid, had increased to about 8,000 tonnes per day from about 6,000 tonnes per day last year, according to senior government officials.

Additional Secretary in the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade Sumita Dawra said the supply of medical oxygen was enhanced almost 10 times — from about 1,000 tonnes per day in December 2019 to a peak of 9,600 tonnes per day in May. Demand for medical oxygen also peaked in May at around 8,900 tonnes per day, according to government figures.

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**Rajasthan State Road Development And Construction Corporation Ltd., JAIPUR**  
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RRC212SL080073 1Lakh ई-14821-22  
निविदा से संबंधित सूचना एवं सोलेशन वेबसाइट <http://procure.rajasthan.gov.in>, <http://spp.rajasthan.nic.in> एवं <http://roads.rajasthan.gov.in> पर देखा जा सकता है। उपर्युक्त संकेतों की अपरिचित हस्ताक्षर के माध्यम से वेबसाइट <http://procure.rajasthan.gov.in> पर रजिस्टर्ड करना आवश्यक है।  
सायबोर्ड

RATNAGIRI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,  
RATNAGIRIELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT  
OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 11, YEAR 2021-22

Chief Officer, Ratnagiri Municipal Council has Inviting E-tender of work “Providing Planetarium System and Other Electrical System for Proposed Planetarium Building at Prabha No. 2, Malnaka in Ratnagiri Municipal Council Area” having estimated Cost **Rs. 4,64,62,184/-** All Information Related Tender are available on <http://www.mahatenders.gov.in> website within period of **Date 22/09/2021 to Date 20/10/2021 up to 4.00 P.M.**

Sd/-  
Chief Officer  
Date : 20/09/2021 Ratnagiri Municipal Council



## Classifieds

## PERSONAL

It is for general information that

I, Mahi D/o Sh. Davinder Pal Singh, R/o A-437/1, A-Block, Shastri Nagar, Ashok Vihar, North-West, Delhi-110052, declare that my father name has been wrongly-written as Devender Pal Singh in my all educational-documents. The actual-name of my father is Davinder Pal Singh respectively which may be amended accordingly.

0040585371-9

I, Vaibhav S/o Nirmal Parkash R/o, 2275, Gali-no 68, SHE HE Footwear, Karol Bagh, Delhi-5 have changed my name to Vaibhav Arora for all purposes.

0040585379-4

I, Shafeeq Ahmed S/O -Abdul Rasheed Lone, R/O-Hajiranj, Karnah Kupwara do hereby declared that my name and D o B has been wrongly mentioned in service record of my father as Shafiq Ahmed and D o B as 21-07-2002, while as my correct name is Shafeeq Ahmed and D o B is 01-12-2002. Applying for correction. Objection if any may conveyed to concern authority in seven days from the date of publication.

0020427170-1

I, Sangita W/o Rakesh Jaiswal, R/O D-18, Sudershan Park, New Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Sangita Jaiswal, for all purposes.

0040585379-8

I, Salim S/o Sh. Hoshair Singh R/o-H.No.839C Heera Park Najafgarh, Paprawat South-West, Delhi-110043, that in all my educational, ID-proofs and birth-certificates my name is mentioned as Salim, however in the service-record of my father my name is Deepak, Salim and Deepak are the name of one and same person

0040585310-1

I, SURENDRA KUMAR S/O PARASNATH GUPTA, R/O 58, PASCHIM ENCLAVE, PASCHIM VIHAR, DELHI-110087. CHANGED MY NAME TO SURENDRA KUMAR GUPTA.

0040585385-2

I, SUPRIYA KUMARI, W/O-HEMAT KUMAR PANDEY R/O-FLAT.NO-5/226 GYAN-KHAND-1 INDIRAPURAM GHAZIABAD UP-201042, Changed my name to SUPRIYA KUMARI PANDEY.

0040585385-3

I, SUJATA W/O KSHETRAPAL BANTUPALLI R/O US-404, KINGSBURY-APARTMENTS, TDI-CITY, KUNDLI, SONIPAT-131028. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SUJATA DAHIYA. FOR ALL PURPOSES.

0040585366-1

I, SANJAY KUMAR GUPTA, S/O SHRI S.B. GUPTA, R/O-62, KRISHAN-KUNJ COLONY, LAXMI-NAGAR DELHI-110092. THAT MY INCORRECT NAME MENTION IN MY SON NAMELY VAIBHAV GUPTA, S/O SHRI. SANJAY GUPTA UID NO. 982254826942 BUT MY CORRECT-NAME IS SANJAY KUMAR GUPTA, FOR FUTURE, ALL PURPOSES.

0040585371-3

I, SAMITA TIWARI, W/o Rajesh Kumar Tiwari R/o-139A, Vinay-Nagar, Agwan Pur, Faridabad-121003, have changed my name to SAMITA, for all, future Purpose.

0040585371-5

I, Ranjit Prasad S/O -Mr. Badan Prasad, R/O-H.No 27, East Kakrala Khwaspur Extn., Secor-80, Noida Phase-2, Gautam Buddha Nagar, UP-201301, have changed my name to Ranjit Kumar for all, future purpose.

0040585366-11

I, SWEETY KUMARI, W/o ARVIND KUMAR THAKUR, R/O-FLAT.NO.06, FIRST-FLOOR, 424B, CHIRAG DELHI, MALVIYA-NAGAR, NEW DELHI-110017, changed my name to SWEETY THAKUR.

0040585385-5

I, Ramesh Chand S/o Lt. Harish Chand Gola R/O C-35, St.no-3, Panchal Vihar, Karawal Nagar, Delhi-94 have changed my name to Ramesh Chand Gola

0040585305-1

I, Rajwati Devi, W/o Sh. Dhani Ram, R/O 267/4B, GF-2, Shirdi Apartment, Sector-1, Vaishali, Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh, have changed my name from Rajwathi to Rajwati, for all future purposes.

0040585366-4

I, Pratibha W/o Rajinder Kumar, R/o-WZ-143A/4C, Ind-Floor, Gali.No. 7, New-Mahavir, Nagar, New Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Pratibha Sharma, after marriage for all future purposes.

0040585310-2

I, Parmeet kaur Sandhu W/O. Taranev singh, R/O-WZ-66A, gali.no.2, Guran-Nanak Nagar, Tilak-nagar, New-Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Nirmal Parkash for all purposes.

0040585379-5

I, Nirmal Prakash Arora S/o, Lt Rattan Lal R/O, 2275, Gali.no-68, SHE HE Footwear, Karol Bagh, Delhi-5, have changed my name to Nirmal Parkash for all purposes.

0070754659-1

I, Mohamed Nadeem, S/o Abdullah Mohammed Janjee, R/O-Building, No.05, G/F, Hazrat-Nizamuddin, New Delhi-110013, have changed my name to Nadeem Abdullah Sidyot, for all, future purposes

0040585379-1

I, Mariyah Abdulhamid Limbada, w/o Nadeem Abdullah Sidyot, R/O-Building No.05, G/F, Hazrat-Nizamuddin, New Delhi-110013, have changed my name to Mariyah Nadeem Sidyot, for all, future purposes.

0040585379-2

I, Mamta Singh, D/o Madan Pal Singh, R/O-C-276, Briji-Vihar, Thana-Link-Road, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201011, that name of my father has been wrongly-written as M.P. Singh in my educational-documents and MPSINGH in my Pan Card. The actual-name of my father is Madan Pal Singh.

0040585379-9

I, Lakkhi Ram S/o Prakash, R/O H.No-6/86, Khicharipur Delhi-110091 Have Changed My Name To Lakkhi Ram, For Future.

0040585379-3

I, Komal D/o Sh. Rakesh Bajaj, R/O H.No.552, Ward No.6, Bajari-Mohalla, Sonipat, (Haryana)-131301, have changed my name to Komal Bajaj.

0040585366-8

I, Kiran Arora W/o Nirmal Parkash R/o, 2275, Gali.no 68, SHE HE Footwear, Karol Bagh, Delhi-5, have changed my name to Kiran Bala for all purposes.

0040585379-6

I, Jagdish Bhardwaj, S/o-Sh. Sukh Datta Sharma, R/O-Flat.No.C-132, Siddhartha Kunj Apartment, Plot.No.17, Sector-7, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075, have changed my name to Jagdish Sharma for all, future purpose.

0040585366-6

I, Inderjeet Singh, R/O, 8/5, block-41, Singh Sabha Road, Shakti-Nagar, New Delhi-110007, have changed my minor daughter's name, from Harjap to Harjap kaur, for all purposes.

0040585371-10

I, Harish S/o Pyare Lal R/O L-141, Mangol Puri, Delhi-110083 have changed my name to Hari Prakash for all purposes.

0040585366-9

I, HARMINDER SINGH KAPOOR, S/O KRISHAN LAL KAPOOR, R/O F-6/239, BLOCK-F, POCKET-6, SECTOR-16, ROHINI, DELHI-110085. CHANGED MY NAME TO HARMINDER KAPOOR.

0040585366-7

I, Suman Singh W/o Lal Mani R/O H-551, Shakur Pur Delhi Changed Name to Usha Devi.

0040585371-2

I, Dhani Ram, S/o Late Sh. Daulat Ram R/o, 267/4B, GF-2, Shirdi Apartment, Sector-1, Vaishali, Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh, have changed my name, from Sridhani Ram to Dhani Ram, for all, future purposes.

0040585366-3

I, Arjun Sharma, S/o-Mahesh Sharma, R/o-10 Staff-Quarters, Hanuman-Mandir, Baba Kharak Singh Marg, New Delhi-110001, have changed my name to Dinesh Sharma, for all future purposes.

0040585385-7

I, Arham Siddiqui, S/o Maqsd E Nazar, H.No.25, Ground-Floor, Pocket-2, Jasola, Okhla, New Delhi-110025, Changed my name to Mohammed Argam Siddiqui.

0040585361-10

I, Ajay Kumar Jha, S/o Shri.G.K.Jha, R/O-A-51, Upper-Ground-Floor, Gulab-Bagh, Uttam-Nagar, New-Delhi-59, declare That in the school-record, the name of my child is appearing as Aayush Jha. But his correct-name is Aayush Kumar Jha, for all purposes. That the Aayush Kumar Jha and the Aayush Jha is one and the same person.

0040585371-4

I, Adib Siddiqui S/o Mohammad Ikrar R/o Kachaura Road, Jatipur Kalan Agra UP-283114. That name of my father and mother has been wrongly written as Guddu Siddiqui and Shayera Siddiqui in my 10th class marksheet and certificate. The actual name of my father and mother are Mohammad Ikrar and Sayara Begam.

0040585379-7

I, ARVIND KUMAR, S/o VIMAL KISHOR THAKUR, R/O FLAT.NO.06, FIRST-FLOOR, 424B, CHIRAG DELHI, MALVIYA NAGAR, NEW DELHI-110017. Changed my name to ARVIND KUMAR THAKUR.

0040585385-4

I, ARUNJEET SINGH AULAKH S/O HARJEET SINGH R/O-B-107, MAX HEIGHTS, SECTOR-62, KUNDLI, SONIPAT-131028. CHANGED MY NAME TO ARUNJIT SINGH.

0040585385-1

I, WAHID AHMED SIDDIQUI, S/O MR.GHASIAT, R/O-172/42, SECOND FLOOR STREET.NO.4, GHAFFAR MANZIL, JAMIA NAGAR, OKHLA, NEW-DELHI-110025, have changed my name to WAHID AHMED, permanently.

0040585366-2

I, Vineet Kumar Chouhan, S/O Balkaran Singh, R/O 6/71 sector 2 Rajendra Nagar sahibabad ghaziabad, Uttar Paradesh-201005 have changed my name to Vineet Kumar Chauhan.

0070754659-1

I, Vijay Harsh Jha S/o Sh. Harsh Narayan Jha, R/O 19-B, Pocket-B, Siddhartha Extn. New Delhi-110014 have changed my son's name from Supratik Jha to Suapratik Jihaa for all future purposes.

0040585294-1

I, Surjeet Kumar S/o Jageshwar Kumar R/o GG-1/26A, Vikas Puri, New Delhi-110018 have changed my daughter's name from Ajel Singh to Angel Singh

0040585280-1

I, Surendra Kumar Jain S/O Dhanraj Singhi, R/O 9-7-201, Green View Enclave, Near Manasarovar Heights Circle 14, Hasmathpet, Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Telangana-500009, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Surendra Singh

0070754658-1

I, Suraj Parkash Batheja S/O Late Shri Dhalu Ram Batheja R/o 193, Hargobind Enclave, Vikas Marg Delhi-110092 have inform that Suraj Parkash Batheja, Suraj Prakash and Suraj Parkash Bhatēja are the one and the same Person.

0040585290-1

I, Shanti Kumari w/o Satyendra Veer Sachdev R/o 159, F/2, State Bank Nagar, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-63 have changed my name to Shanti Sachdev

0040585280-3

I, Seema w/o Rajneesh Kumar R/O AD -19, Mansarovar Apartment, Plot No-3, Sector -5, Dwarka, Delhi-110075 inform that Seema and Seema Sharma both are same and one person.

0040585283-1

I, Chunni Devi W/o Girja Singh R/O H.No.-37, Kothia, J.Kothia, Sheohar, Bihar, have changed my name to Shaile Devi for all future purposes.

0040585297-1

I, Saurabh Sharma R/O T-4, 1202, Unitech Noida, Sector-Pi-2, Greater Noida U.P. have changed my Son's name from Krish Bhardwaj to Krishi Bhardwaj for all future purposes.

0070754653-1

I, MOHD FIRDOS, S/O. MOHD FIROZ, C-53/29, STREET. NO.30, JAFRABAD GARHI MENDU NORTH EAST DELHI-110053, Changed My name to MOHD FERDOS., Permanantly.

0070754696-1

I, Sailesh Kumar Srivastava S/O Bijay Kumar Sinha, R/O 301, B-Block, Vasundhara Gardens, Harihar Singh Road, Tetar Toli, Bariatu, Ranchi, Jharkhand-834009. I have changed the name of my minor daughter Shally Srivastava, aged about 17 and She shall hereafter be known as S. Rajeshwari Raj.

0070754677-1

I, SV Sachdev S/o L N Sachdev R/o 159, F/F, State Bank Nagar, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-63 have changed my name to Satyendra Veer Sachdev

0040585280-2

I, Raj Singh Verma s/o bikho verma R/o R-198, mohan garden, uttam nagar, Delhi-110059 have changed my name to RAJ VERMA.

0040585271-1

I, RAJU, S/O YAM BAHADUR, R/O G 19/36, DLF PHASE I, NEAR SILVER OX, GURGAON, HARYANA-122001, changed my name to RAJU KHATRI.

0070754618-1

I, Priya Ranjan S/o Mr. Ravindra Singh R/O Flat No. E-804, Rajhans Apartment, Opp. Aditya Mall, Ahinsa Khand - I, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh - 201 014 have changed my daughter name from Manshi aged about 13 years to Mansi Sharma for all purposes in future as per the Affidavit sworn in before the Notary Public on 18.09.2021.

0040585345-1

I, Priya Raj, D/O Sh. Prabhat kumar, R/o 6581/3, Block-9, Dev Nagar, Karol bagh, New Delhi 110005, have changed my name Priya Raj to Priya Kashyap, for all purposes.

0040585324-1

I, Pooja, W/o-Mahender Singh, R/O-M-78, Gali.No.4, Shastri-Nagar, Ashok Vihar, Delhi-110052. declare that Pooja, and Pooja Rathore, both names, are one and same, person, shall, hereafter be, known as Pooja

0040585385-6

I, Pawan Kumar Girotra S/o Ram Prakash R/o H.No-134 Third-Floor, Pocket-2, Jasola, New Delhi-110025, Have changed Pawan Girotra, for all purposes.

0040585361-2

I, Nitesh Kumar, S/o Jai Kishore Sharma R/o RZ-80, Sayed Nanogli, Paschim Vihar, Delhi-110087, have changed my name to Nitesh Sharma.

0040585361-8

I, Nimuddin S/o-Kallu Baksh R/O-0-10 Batia House Jamia Nagar ND-25, have changed my name to Nimuddin, for all purpose.

0040585385-9

I, Neha J D/O Jayaprakash K, R/O Surumya, Naniyode, Pattanchery, Palakkad, Kerala-678534, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Neha Niyas .

0070754688-1

I, NIDA D/o SHAHID R/O-C-1/39 C1 EB-BLOCK IMAAMBARA NEW SEELAMPUR, DELHI-110053, have changed my name to NIDA SHAHID permanently.

0040585366-10

I, NEERAJ KUMAR, S/O CHANDER BHAN, R/O-83 C.S.P-FLATS EAST OF KAILASH DELHI-110065, changed my name to NEERAJ BHAN.

0040585361-6

I, Mukesh W/o Dharamveer R/o VPO Birdhana, Hajjaraj, Haryana-124102 have changed my name from Mukesh to Mukesh Devi for all purposes.

0040585385-10

I, Mohammed Abbas M A S/O Abdul Rahman M A, R/O Makkiyenta Valappil, Mannaraparambu, Kappur, Palakkad, Kerala-679552, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Abbas Adharrha.

0070754682-1

I, Meena Panwar W/o Jagat Singh Pawar R/o-A-5/76, Air India Colony, V.V. ND-57, have changed my name to Meena Pawar.

0040585366-5

I, Manohar B J S/O Jayarama Reddy, R/o #106, Sarjapura Main Road, Near Post Office, Doddakannalli, Bangalore, Karnataka-560035. I have changed the name of my minor daughter Kamyaa Saagarika M aged about 7 Years and She shall hereafter be known as Kirthi Nidhi Shri M

0070754694-1

I, Malappa Kannur alias Malappa Shivappa Kannur S/O Shivappa, R/o Kokatnur, Bijapur, Karnataka-586115, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Manvith Shivappa Kannur.

0070754680-1

I, Mala Tewari, W/o of Late Mahavir Tiwari, resident of A-45, Ground Floor, Vipul World Block A, Sector 48, Sohna Road, Near JMD Galleria, Gurgaon, Haryana, Pin code 122018, have changed my name from Mala Tewari (existing Name of spouse as per NOK POR/IAFFP) S/o to MOLA Tiwari (proposed New Name of spouse as per bank account, Aadhar and all other documents etc.) due to spelling error (reason for change) for future reference.

0070754653-1

I, MOHD FIRDOS, S/O. MOHD FIROZ, C-53/29, STREET. NO.30, JAFRABAD GARHI MENDU NORTH EAST DELHI-110053, Changed My name to MOHD FERDOS., Permanantly.

0040585361-7

I, MANJU ARYA, W/O-MANO HAR LAL, H.NO-638, GALLI.NO-22 4TH-FLOOR DDA-FLATS MADANGIR DELHI-110062. Changed my name to MANJU DEVI.

0040585361-5

I, Lalita Mallick, W/O Amitav Mallick R/o Flat No- 24/4, B Block, Madhu Park Ridge, IB Lines, Hydrashakote, Golconda, Hyderabad, Telangana-500031, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Leena Mallick.

0070754671-1

I, Kuldeep Singh S/o Kalam Singh Rawat, R/O-146-B, Nyay Khand-1, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, UP-201014, declare that in my son's (PIYUSH RAWAT), school documents, my name is wrongly mentioned as KULDEEP SINGH instead of KULDEEP SINGH RAWAT.

0070754618-1

I, Harminder Singh s/o Veer Singh R/O A-262, Third Floor, Sudershan Park, New Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Harminder Singh Mehta.

0040585273-1

I, Guddu Kumar S/o Anil Vishwakarma, R/O Gt Road, PO-Isri Bazar, Dumri, Giridih, Jharkhand- 825106, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Kumar Vishwa Pratik.

0070754679-1

I, Gaurahari Bhoi S/O Kishore Bhoi, R/o Karanapokhari, Motto, Bhadrak, Odisha-756132, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Debasish Bhoi.

0070754674-1

I, Faisal S/o Mohd Irshad, R/O C-1016, F/F, Gali-No-7, Chauhan Bangar, Delhi-110053 Have changed my name to Mohd Faisal.

0040585270-1

I, Bibek Kumar Singh R/o Village Post Alipur Hatta, District Vaishali, Bihar-844506 do hereby notified that in my Service Records my Son's name is wrongly mentioned as Shantanu. The correct name is Shantanu Singh.

0040585288-1

I, Anil Upreti, S/o Sh. Hari Ram Upreti, R/O H.No.671, Tihar Residential-Complex, Vidhya-Marg, JanakPuri, New Delhi-58, have changed my Son name to Abhishek Upreti, for all future purpose.

0040585361-9

I, Vivek Kumar Aggarwal S/O Hem Kumar Aggarwal Resident Chandel Gole R/O C-436A, Gali No-10, Majlis Park, Adarsh Nagar, Delhi-110033, have changed my name to Rajinder Kumar Aggarwal

0070754672-1

I Vandana Kumari W/o Shashi Kumar Shashi R/o SMQ 917/12 AF Campus Vinay Nagar Pune-14 have changed my name from Vandana Kumari to Vandana Devi vide Affidavit 5140 dtd 08/07/21 before Pune court

0090291359-1

I, Naresh Kumar S/O, Dharamvir Singh R/o H-18, bhaiyawali Gali, budhan Pur, Majra Dabas, Delhi, 110081 have changed my name to Naresh Dabas for all purposes.

0040585269-1

Iqbal Singh Wadhwa S/O.Harbhajan Singh R/O.23/86A, Tiak-Nagar, New Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Iqbal Singh for all purposes.

0040585361-4

I Deepak Bareja son of Tilak Raj Bareja residing at 350 DDA SFS Flats, Dr Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi 110009 have changed the name of my minor son Keshav Bareja aged 17 years and he shall hereafter be known as Keshav Bareja.

0020427178-1

I, Assh Mohammad S/o, Hakimuddin R/O A-113 New Seelampur Delhi 110053 have changed my name to Aas Mohammad for all purposes.



## APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that one male namely **Unknown S/o Unknown R/o Unknown** Age about 60-65 years, Height 5'7", Complexion Wheatish, Face Damage, Normal Built, Wearing Grey Colour Pant, Pink Colour Checkard Shirt & Blue Colour Chappal in feet was found dead due to railway accident at KM Pole No. 19/26 & 19/28 Down Line Railway Track Near Platform No.1, Mundka Railway Station, Delhi on 16.09.2021. In this regard a DD No. 14-A dated 16.09.2021 U/s 174 Cr.P.C has been lodged at PS Sarai Rohilla Railway, Delhi. The Dead Body has been preserved at Subzi Mandi Mortuary for 72 Hours.

Any person having any information or clue about this deceased male may kindly inform to the undersigned at the address or telephone nos. given below.

SHO  
PS Sarai Rohilla Railway, Delhi  
Ph. 8750871308, 9868584714

DP/270/RLY/2021

## SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL



General public is here by informed that one girl **Namely: Riya, D/o Shri Satya Prakash, R/o H. No. RZQ-113, Nihal Vihar, Delhi. Age: 14½ years, Height: 4'10", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Wearing: Chocolate Color Suit-Salwar and Slippers** in feet has been missing / kidnapped since 24.08.2021

form the area of PS. Nihal Vihar, Delhi.

In this regard a FIR No. 1079/21, U/s 363 IPC, dated 24.08.2021 has been registered at P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this girl but no clue has come to light so far.

Any person having any information or clue about this girl kindly inform to the following.

SHO  
E-Mail: [clc@cbi.gov.in](mailto:clc@cbi.gov.in)  
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>  
PS. Nihal Vihar, Delhi  
Fax: 011-24368639 Ph. 011-25946700, 25946710  
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 DP/1131/00/2021

## WESTERN RAILWAY-AHMEDABAD

### VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION WORKS

Dy. Chief Engineer (Construction) V. Saraspur, PO : Railwaywara, Western Railway, Ahmedabad-380002 for and on behalf of President of Union of India invites E-Tender for the following work: 1. E-Tender No. DY.CE(CJW/ADI/GIM Yard/01/R (2) Name of work: Gandhidham Freight Yard Re-Modeling Work- Execution of various works such as P-way works, Earthworks, Extension of minor bridges with RCC pipes, RCC boxes, Construction of various structures/buildings, Road/concrete pathways, and other incidental/related works involving various Engineering, Signalling and Telecom, Electrical and TRD works with scope of works as mentioned in the tender document in connection with 'Gandhidham Freight yard remodeling works in Gandhidham yard. (3) Approx. cost of Work: ₹ 51,43,13,918.43 (4) EMD: NIL (5) Completion period: 15 (Fifteen) Months (including Monsoon) (6) Closing time and Date for submission of Bid: 08-10-2021 at 15.00 Hrs. (7) Website particulars Notice Board location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office: Office of Dy. Chief Engineer (Construction) V. Saraspur, PO: Railwaywara, Western Railway, Ahmedabad-380002 Telephone No. 079-22921510. Website: [www.irops.gov.in](http://www.irops.gov.in). CPM-029

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## EAST DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

### PUBLIC NOTICE

East Delhi Municipal Corporation is implementing the SWM Rules, 2016 and the Bye Laws in their entirety in order to comply the provisions mentioned therein. The work of door to door collection and transportation of Municipal Solid Waste has already been started in the area.

As per chapter-II clause-4 of Solid Waste Management Byelaws, it is necessary for all waste generators to separate and store the Solid Waste coming out of their own places regularly into three streams namely: (a) non-biodegradable or dry waste (b) biodegradable of wet waste (c) domestic hazardous waste and deposit it into covered waste bins and handover segregated waste to designated waste collections as per the direction of EDMC from time to time.

EDMC is going to enforce segregation of waste at source in compliance of SWM & Bye Laws as per following schedule:

S. No.	Category	Implementation Date	Starting of Penalties on Defaulters
1.	Commercial, Industrial, Institutional and non-residential premises	02.10.2021	01.11.2021
2.	Residential premises	01.12.2021	01.01.2022

Defaulters are liable for penalty as defined in schedule-II of SWM Bye Laws 2018.

R.O. No.32/DP/East/2021-22 Commissioner

EDMC's Citizens Helpline No. : 155303

## SALUTE THE SOLDIER



### MARTYRDOM On 22nd SEPTEMBER

On 22 Sep 1995, Late Lt SK Chhetri of 3/11 GR had made the supreme sacrifice in the finest tradition of the Indian Army during Kiranti Mountaineering Expedition in Garhwal Region.



### Colonel 11 GR & Sikkim Scouts and All Ranks

HC/GD Ram Praveesh Yadav, 20th September, 2017

Sashastra Seema Bal fondly remembers and cherishes the valiant act of the brave heart, HC/GD Ram Praveesh Yadav of 14th Bn SSB who made the supreme sacrifice of his life for the Nation in the line of duty. On 20th Sept.

2017 HC/GD Ram Praveesh Yadav was returning to camp after performing security and protection duties at construction site of tunnel and railway project in district Ramban of J&K. Militants fired indiscriminately at Ram Praveesh Yadav from very close range due to which HC/GD Ram Praveesh Yadav succumbed to bullet injury and attained martyrdom. His gallant act will continue to inspire us all. We salute the valor and supreme sacrifice of our brave soldier.

SASHASTRA SREMA BAL



## National Centre for Radio Astrophysics

TATA INSTITUTE OF FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH

Savitribai Phule Pune University Campus, Ganeshkhind, Pune - 411 007.

### TENDER NOTICE No.05/2021-2022.

Sealed bids are invited from Private and Govt. PSUs /Govt. Departments in two Part for SITC of Roof Top Solar Power Plant at NCRA-TIFR, Savitribai Phule Pune University Campus, Ganeshkhind, Pune 411007, Maharashtra, India as per bid document.

For details visit website: <http://www.ncra.tifr.res.in/ncra/ncra1/public-tenders-1>

## EAST DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

(HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT)

The Deputy Director (Hort.) Shahdara South Zone on behalf of Commissioner EDMC invites NIT No. 04 dated 17.09.2021 Tender No. 2021\_EDMC\_88545 for Development of Water Harvesting park with STP Sports and Children play area with sitting facilities at Hedgewar park, ward No.09E Shah. South Zone, EDMC and Earnest Money Rs. 21,00,00/- & time of completion 2 Months. The tender forms and other details can be obtained from O/o Deputy Director (Hort.), Shahdara South Zone or it can be downloaded from the website [www.etenders.gov.in](http://www.etenders.gov.in) or [www.mcdonline.nic.in](http://www.mcdonline.nic.in). The last date of sale of tender will be 28.09.2021 at 3.00 PM. Other detail/information can be seen on website [www.etenders.gov.in](http://www.etenders.gov.in). The press notice is also available on [www.mcdonline.nic.in](http://www.mcdonline.nic.in)

Dy. Director(Hort.) Shah. South Zone

EDMC's Citizens Helpline No. 155303



## UJVN Limited

HO "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006

Telephones: 0135-2763808 Fax: 0135- 2763508

CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website: [www.ujvn.com](http://www.ujvn.com)

पत्र सं: 692

### NOTICE INVITING TENDER

दिनांक: 21/09/2021

For and on behalf of UJVN Ltd., Executive Engineer (Civil), Pashulok Barrage Rishikesh, invites sealed & separate tenders from interested contractors for following work:-

1 Tender Notice Reference: NIT No. 14/2021-22/EE(C)/Pashulok Barrage : Annual Sweeping and Cleaning Works of Maneri Bhal-II Colony, Rishikesh. Estimated Value of Tender: ₹ 6.96 Lakh.

Date of availability of bid document on website : 21.09.2021 from 17:00 Hrs. (IST)

Last Date for Submission of Tender : 16.10.2021 upto 14:00 Hrs. (IST). For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website "[www.ujvn.com](http://www.ujvn.com)".

Executive Engineer (Civil)

"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

## EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

### E-tender Notice No./Com/Lease/SLRs/LHBs/DNR/21/2

Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial), East Central Railway, Danapur Division, for and on behalf of The President of India invites open e-tender, for leasing space of 3.9/04 tonnes of SLR/LHB on per trip basis on payment of lumpsum freight for loading of parcels in following trains for a period of five (05) years. It can be also seen on the website [www.irops.gov.in](http://www.irops.gov.in).

Sl. No.	Train no.	From-To	Frequency	Space	Reserve Price (per single trip in Rs)
1.	02150/12150	DNR-PUNE	Daily	F-SLR-I	8669/-
2.	02150/12150	DNR-PUNE	Daily	F-SLR-II	8669/-
3.	02150/12150	DNR-PUNE	Daily	R-SLR-I	8669/-
4.	02296/12296	DNR-SBC	Daily	F-1 (FLWLRRM)	11369/-
5.	02391/12391	RGD-NDLS	Daily	F-SLR-I	6044/-
6.	02391/12391	RGD-NDLS	Daily	F-SLR-II	6044/-
7.	02391/12391	RGD-NDLS	Daily	R-SLR-I	6044/-
8.	03201/13201	PNBE-LTT	Daily	F-1 (FLWLRRM)	8208/-

Date & time of submission of Tender:- up to 28.10.2021 at 12:00 hrs through online [www.irops.gov.in](http://www.irops.gov.in) only. Date & Time of opening of Tender: After 28.10.2021 at 12.00hrs.

Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial)

East Central Railway, Danapur

PR/0852/DNR/COM/LT/21-22/56

## APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one male was found unconscious condition at near Shivaji Stadium Metro Station, Connaught Place, New Delhi, on 17.09.2021 at 13:10 Hrs. And he was admitted in Lady Harding Hospital Where Doctor Declared Brought Dead. In this regard a DD No. 79-A, Dated 17.09.2021 has been lodged at P.S. Connaught Place, New Delhi. Dead body preserved in Lady Harding Hospital Mortuary for Identification. The description of the dead body is given as under:

Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown R/o: Unknown, Age: about 35 years, Height: 5'1" Face: Oval, Complexion: Wheatish Build: Thin, Wearing: White & Yellow T-Shirt and grey lower.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the information about the dead male but no clue has come to light so far. If any one is having any information about this dead male please inform the undersigned.

S.H.O

P.S. Connaught Place, New Delhi

DP/334/NDD/2021 Ph: 8750870525, 011-23364139, 23747100,



## छ.ग. पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल,

पर्यावास भवन, नार्थ ब्लॉक, सेक्टर-19,

नवा रायपुर, अटल नगर, जिला-रायपुर (छ.ग.) 492002

### सर्वसंबंधितों को सूचना

भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली को अधिसूचना दिनांक 14.09.2006 (यथा संशोधित) के तहत सर्व संबंधितों को सूचित किया जाता है कि मेसर्स वैजरांत इंटरनैट प्रॉब्लिमेटिड, ग्राम-निचौली एवं पाली, तहसील व जिला-रायगढ़ स्थित मेसरा क्रमांक 17,19,20/1, 20/2, 27, 29, 31/2, 31/3, 49/2, 49/3, 49/4, 49/5, 49/6, 49/7 एवं 85, कुल क्षेत्रफल- 15.327 हेक्टेयर में सस्य अमलख (2x95 टोपीडो डीडआरआई हिल्स) धमना- 62,700 टन प्रतिवर्ष, इन्डक्सन फर्निश (5x12 टन) (एमएस बिल्टेड/इंग्रस), धमना- 1,98,000 टन प्रतिवर्ष, रोलिंग मिल (2x300 टोपीडो) (टोएमपी बार/रुक्मल स्टील/रोड प्रोडक्ट) धमना- 1,92,000 टन प्रतिवर्ष, पावर प्लांट-20 मेगावाट (डब्ल्यू.एच.आर.बी. बेस (2x12 टोपीएच)-5 मेगावाट एवं एफ.बी.सी. बेस (1x72 टोपीएच)-15 मेगावाट) को स्थानांतरित कर लिए पर्यावरणीय संरक्षण हेतु लोक सुनवाई बावत छ.ग. पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल में आवेदन किया गया है। उक्त धमना विस्तार पर्यायोजना के संबंध में आपत्ति/सुझाव/विचार/टीका-टिप्पणी, इस सूचना के जारी होने के दिनांक से 30 दिवस के अंदर क्षेत्रीय अधिकारी, छत्तीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल, रायगढ़ के कार्यालय में मौखिक अथवा लिखित रूप से कार्यालयीन समय में प्रस्तुत की जा सकती है। इस परीक्षण के लिए लोक सुनवाई दिनांक 23.10.2021, दिन-शनिवार, समय प्रातः 11:00 बजे, स्थान-चंबारी स्थित के अमलख का भवन, ग्राम रायगढ़, तहसील-धरघोडा, जिला-रायगढ़ (छ.ग.) निरत को नई है। यह भी सूचित हो कि लोक सुनवाई के दौरान भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली के ऑफिस मेमोरैण्डम F.No.22-25/2020-IA.III दिनांक 14.09.2020 तथा कोरेना वार्डर के निवेदन एवं येनबाह हेतु शासन द्वारा जारी समस्त दिशा-निर्देशों का अमल करना जाना अनिवार्य होगा।

ई.आई.ए. अधिसूचना दिनांक 14 सितंबर 2006 (यथा संशोधित) के अनुसार, संबंधित व्यक्तियों के अवलोकन/पहन हेतु ड्राफ्ट ई.आई.ए. रिपोर्ट अंग्रेजी भाषा में एवं इसकी सही प्रतिलिपि हिन्दी एवं अंग्रेजी तथा सी.डी. (सॉफ्ट कॉपी) कार्यालय कलेक्टर रायगढ़, कार्यालय मुख्य कार्यपालन अधिकारी, जिला पंचायत रायगढ़, कार्यालय महाप्रबंधक, जिला व्यापार एवं उद्योग केन्द्र रायगढ़, कार्यालय अनुविभागीय अधिकारी (रायगढ़), रायगढ़, जिला-रायगढ़/रायगढ़, क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, छत्तीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल टी.बी. टावर रोड रायगढ़, कार्यालय मुख्य कार्यपालन अधिकारी जनपद रायगढ़, रायगढ़, जिला-रायगढ़, सर्वपंच/सचिव कार्यालय ग्राम पंचायत-लाखा, देलरी, बैरवाली, भैलाटिका, परसदा, सराईपाली, बरलिया, ताईपाल, तहसील-रायगढ़/रायगढ़/तामनार, जिला-रायगढ़, डायरेक्टर पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, इंदिरा पर्यावरण भवन, जोर बाग रोड, नई दिल्ली, एकीकृत क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, पर्यावरण वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय अरण्य भवन, नार्थ ब्लॉक, सेक्टर-19, नवा रायपुर एवं मुख्यालय, छत्तीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल, नार्थ ब्लॉक, सेक्टर-19, नवा रायपुर (छ.ग.) में रखी हुई है।

सदस्य सचिव

छत्तीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल,

नवा रायपुर, अटल नगर, जिला-रायपुर

## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER SEWERAGE & DRAINAGE DIVISION No: 1<sup>st</sup>

### SULIMAN COMPLEX DALGATE SRINAGAR

#### GIST OF e-NIT No: 13 of 2021-22

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K State e-tenders are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt. and other State / Central Government for the following work:

S. No	Name of work	Est. cost (Rs. in lacs) Including Departmental Supply	Cost of T/dcc. (In rupees)	Time of completion in days	Class of contract
1.	Improvements by way of Laying of Sewer line from Shiraz Chowk to Pumping Station Khanyar.	112.58	3000/-	3 Months	"AAY"
2.	Maintenance & Repairs of Bhagwanpora pumping station including premises by way of Clearance of Sump well chamber, Laying of RCC path and plinth protection & other allied civil works	9.37	500/-	1 Month	"C&D"

#### IMPORTANT DATES:

A	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	15.09.2021
B	Period of downloading of bidding documents	15.09.2021 to 05.10.2021 upto 4.00 PM
C	Bid submission Start Date	15.09.2021 from 4.00 PM
D	Bid submission End Date	06.10.2021 upto 4.00 PM
E	Date & time of opening of bids (online)	07.10.2021 at 11.00 AM or any other convenient date

Tender Receiving Authority : Executive Engineer S&D Division I, Sulaiman Complex Dalgate Srinagar

Sd/-

No: SDD/CC/1540-53

Dated: 15.09.2021

DIPK-9021

Executive Engineer

S&D Division, Srinagar



## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER

### RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BERHAMPUR

(E-Mail:- [serwbpr2004@yahoo.com](mailto:serwbpr2004@yahoo.com), Tel/Fax:- 0680-2404287)

## NOTICE

### FOR PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA (PMGSY)

#### NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH "e"-Procurement

##### Bid identification No. Online Tender/14-2021-22/PMGSY/BPR

The Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Berhampur on behalf of Odisha State Rural Road Agency invites the percentage rate bids in electronic tendering system for construction of roads & Bridges under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the districts of Ganjam & Kandhamal for 16 (Sixteen) number of packages with estimated cost totalling to **Rs 60.39 Cr (Approximate)** including their maintenance for five years from the eligible contractors registered with State PWD / CPWD / MES / Railways. The registered bidder of outside Odisha, can also participate in this process, but shall have to subsequently undergo registration with the appropriate authority of the State Govt. preferably within a month of the deadline for bid submission, but prior to signing of the contract

Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement. Dtd. 23.09.2021

**Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission:** The bid document is available online and should be submitted online in [www.pmgstyenders.gov.in](http://www.pmgstyenders.gov.in). The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities. The bidders are required to submit (a) original Demand Draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security declaration and (c) original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause 4.4 B (a) (ii) of ITB with Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Berhampur. **Executive Engineer of the Concerned divisions** on a date not later than three working days after the opening of technical qualification part of the Bid, either by registered post or by hand, failing which the bids shall be declared non-responsive.

**Last Date/ Time for receipt of bids through e-procurement: 07.10.2021 upto 3.00 P.M**

For further details and corrigendum (if any) please log on to [www.pmgstyenders.gov.in](http://www.pmgstyenders.gov.in).

Sd/- P.K. Jena

Chief Construction Engineer

R.W. Circle, Berhampur

OIPR-250711/11/0016/2122

## DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

### OFFICE OF THE SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER,

#### TROUT FEED MILL, MANASBAL, GANDERBAL

E-mail: [spottroutfeedmill@rediffmail.com](mailto:spottroutfeedmill@rediffmail.com), Mobile No. 7006167936

#### Quotation

On behalf of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir sealed quotations are invited from the registered Labs of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and outside the Union Territory for carrying out the Job of analysis of the Trout Fish Feed Ingredients for specifications as mentioned below

S. No.	Name of the Fish Feed Ingredient	Analysis to be done for
01.	Fish Meal	Percentage of Protein, Percentage of Moisture, Percentage of Crude Fat & Percentage of Sand & Silica
02.	Soya Bean Meal	Percentage of Protein & Percentage of Moisture

The above mentioned fish feed ingredients are received at the stores of Trout Feed Mill, Manasbal on routine basis to manufacture the Trout Fish Feed. The quotations should reach to the office of Senior Project Officer, Trout Feed Mill, Manasbal either personally or any representative, or through official email address i.e. [spottroutfeedmill@rediffmail.com](mailto:spottroutfeedmill@rediffmail.com) latest by 25-09-2021 up to 2 P.M.

#### Terms and Conditions:-

- The rates be furnished inclusive of all taxes and at FOR Trout Feed Mill Manasbal.
- The quotations should be without cuttings.
- The Labs should be tax payer and the bill so far furnished should be with proper GST number. The Job is to be done on routine basis and this shall be valid for the financial year 2021-22.
- The rates offered shall be valid for the financial year of 2021-22.
- The quotation should be sealed in an envelope addressed to Senior Project Officer, Trout Feed Mill, Manasbal.
- The rates offered should be on the letter pad of the registered lab.
- The payment shall be made only after receipt of the reports.
- Other terms and conditions can be had from the office of the undersigned on any working day during office hours.

Sd/-

No: SPO/TFM/M/21-22/563-65

Dt: - 20/09/2021

DIPK-9072

Senior Project Officer

Trout Feed Mill, Manasbal

## GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA

### PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION, NASHIK

#### E-Tender Notice No. 33 for 2021-22 (Online)

ONLINE E-Tenders in "B-1" Form for the following work invited by Executive Engineer, P. W. Division, Nashik; Phone No.: (0253/2583761-64, 2575324) for and on behalf of Governor of Maharashtra State from Registered Contractors in appropriate (Public Works Dept. only) Class with Government of Maharashtra.

Tender document download on our web site <https://mahatenders.gov.in>. Right of rejection of E-tender/ cancellation of E-tender reserved by The Executive Engineer, P. W. Division, Nashik. \*Conditional Tender will not be accepted.

**Note : Above mentioned E-Tender Notice including Total 3 (Three) (Costing upto Rs. 150.00 Lacks) Works and details of mentioned E-Tender Notice available on below web site.**

1. [www.mahapwd.com](http://www.mahapwd.com)

2. <https://mahatenders.gov.in>

Tender Document Sale Start and End Date Time	22.09.2021 From 11.05	to 06.10.2021 Upto 17.00
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\* Blank E-Tender form Fees (Non-refundable) and EMD amount will be accepted Online only.



# Have to work in terms of our bowling: Mithali Raj



Mithali Raj completed 20,000 career runs in her 107-ball 61 against Australia in the women's 1st ODI on Tuesday.

Reuters

**Mackay:** India skipper Mithali Raj said that the team needed to "work a lot" on its bowling after suffering a nine-wicket drubbing at the hands of Australia in the first women's ODI here on Tuesday.

India's problems in both the batting and bowling department were laid bare as the mighty hosts chased down a target of 226 without any trouble to extend their record-winning streak to 25.

"Well, see, you do have plans, but again it is about executing it on the ground, sometimes the bowlers don't get the rhythm, but there are times when you know they get the rhythm but the plan isn't working," Mithali said at the post-match press conference.

## Pankaj Advani wins his 24th world title

**Doha:** Indian cueist Pankaj Advani on Tuesday grabbed his 24th world title when he triumphed at the IBSF 6-Red Snooker World Cup with a victory over Pakistan's Babar Masih in the final, here. Advani, who won his 11th Asian title last week, started the final with a comfortable 42-13 win in the opening frame. Babar drew parity by winning the second 38-14. In the third frame, Advani made a foul that only he knew he had committed. The 36-year-old won the third and fourth in quick succession to go 3-1 up. The Pakistani cueist crafted a 56 break to bridge the gap. Advani shifted gears and then took the next three to be one frame away from getting his hands on his 24th world trophy. Pankaj ensured a clean slate of wins over the last fortnight in Qatar across two international championships - Asian Snooker and 6-red Snooker World Cup. "I am living a dream. Being away from the table for so long, these two back-to-back triumphs assure me that my hunger and competitive skills haven't diminished," Advani said.

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"Yes we have a lot to work in terms of our bowling department because, predominantly, we are spin attack and spinners are getting hit everywhere, so that is something we need to tweak in," she added.

India could only manage 225 for eight in an innings that never got the momentum it needed and then the hosts gunned down the target in 41 overs as India's bowling lacked the teeth to trouble them.

**BRIEF SCORES:** India 225/8 in 50 overs (Mithali Raj 61, Yastika Bhatia 35; Darcie Brown 4/33) lost to **Australia** 227/1 in 41 overs (Rachel Haynes 93, Alyssa Healy 77, Meg Lanning 53; Poonam Yadav 1/58) by 9 wickets.

## Mor stuns Hussamuddin in boxing nationals final

**Bellary:** Rohit Mor stunned defending champion Mohammad Hussamuddin but the accomplished duo of Shiva Thapa and Sanjeet lived up to expectations by clinching gold medals in their respective weight categories at the Men's National Boxing Championships here on Tuesday. Deepak Kumar (51kg), Akash (54kg), Akash (67), Sumit (75kg), Sachin Kumar (80kg), Lakshya (86kg) and Narender (+92kg) also secured gold medals by winning their respective final bouts at the Inspire Institute of Sports. All of them are from Services team. All the gold medal winners of the National Championships will represent India at the World Championships scheduled in Belgrade, Serbia from October 24 to November 6. While the gold and silver medallists from each category of the Championships will also get direct entry into the national coaching camp, the two bronze medallists will take part in the selection trials where they will compete with the boxers representing the second team of top-3 teams of the last National Championships.

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# Tiki Tata Goodbye

Barcelona's famed passing style of play a thing of the past under coach Koeman

REUTERS

SEPTEMBER 21

BARCELONA PRIDE themselves on judging their team on style as well as results but coach Ronald Koeman is struggling to deliver on either front, with his position under renewed scrutiny following Monday's 1-1 home draw with Granada.

The Catalans only salvaged a point thanks to a 90th-minute header from Ronald Araujo but the most striking thing was Barca's direct style as they eschewed their trademark passing game and resorted to pumping crosses into the box.

Barca made 54 crosses into the area against Granada, 45 from open play, more than any other team in one game in Europe's top five leagues this season. The second team on the list of biggest crossers is England's Burnley, who share Barca's claret and blue colours but whose direct style of play contrasts with the ideals espoused by Johan Cruyff and Pep Guardiola, the Catalan club's two greatest coaches.

"What Barca is this?," asked the front cover of Spanish newspaper Marca, describing the team's performance as "abysmal" while adding the team had "renounced their style". If last week's 3-0 drubbing by Bayern Munich in the Champions League indicated that Barca can no longer compete with Europe's elite, the scrappy draw against winless Granada was more worrying, a sign Barca no longer possess the tools to break down even ordinary domestic sides.

Koeman defended his tactics, such as bringing on defender Gerard Pique to play up front and ending the game with four centre backs and two centre forwards, saying the team's personnel and Granada's deep defending left him with little choice.

"We can't play tiki-taka if there aren't any spaces," Koeman said, referring to the popular description for the style of play the team perfected under Guardiola, when they would routinely pass their opponents into oblivion. Barca were missing six players through injury, including teenager Pedri, the most technical player left at the club following the departure of Lionel Messi. "We know it's maybe not Barcelona's football, but this Barcelona is not that of eight years ago," Koeman added.

The coach has been walking a tightrope and has an uneasy relationship with president Joan Laporta, who publicly revealed his reservations about the Dutchman at the end of last season before deciding to keep him on. Barca's financial problems for now play into Koeman's hands as they would struggle to pay his severance fee if they sacked him and find the money for a successor. But the situation of a coach playing a style of football the president and supporters dis-



Barcelona defender Gerard Pique played as a striker in the final 15 minutes of his team's 1-1 draw against Granada in La Liga.

Reuters

## Why erstwhile pass masters are now crossing

Crosses and excuses were all that Barcelona and coach Ronald Koeman could muster after a demoralising 1-1 draw against Granada at home. The draw came after a 0-3 shakedown by Bayern Munich in the Champions League earlier last week. It is safe to say that Camp Nou is no longer the home of tiki-taka - a fact not lost on Barcelona fans, who didn't care to fill the Covid-necessitated 40,000 seats in the Catalan stronghold. 45 crosses from open play and 54 in all - the most across Europe's top 5 leagues, points to how far the Blaugrana have fallen. Koeman in his post-match comments blamed Granada for scoring and then shutting shop as to why Barcelona couldn't kickstart their passing. He also blamed the lack of pace in his team as the reason they couldn't play more direct. The result - Memphis Depay and Sergino Dest launching 16 crosses apiece in a 90-minute football game in the La Liga. In fact, Barcelona's crossing totals beat even Burnley - an English Premier League team known for combining physically strong players with constant crosses into the box. Eventually one of those crosses worked with Barcelona finally scoring an equaliser in the 90th minute.

like -- only 27,000 fans took up the 40,000 available tickets on Monday -- while getting poor results seems unsustainable.

Former Barca midfielder Xavi Hernandez, the puppet master of the glorious era under Guardiola and a disciple of Cruyff, would be the fans' most popular choice to take over but he is still in the early stages of his coaching career and this year signed a new contract with Qatari side Al Sadd until 2023.

## Fifa fines, bans Hungary

Hungary must play their next World Cup qualifier behind closed doors after FIFA im-

posed a ban on fans and a \$217,000 fine following racist incidents in this month's match against England.

FIFA said the sanctions were imposed on the Hungarian Football Federation "in relation to the racist behaviour of numerous supporters" during the game at the Puskas Arena in Budapest, which England won 4-0.

"The committee decided that (Hungary) would play its next two home matches in FIFA competitions without spectators, the second match being suspended for a probationary period of two years."

# Taliban bans IPL broadcast in Afghanistan

PRESSTrust OF INDIA

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

The Taliban-ruled Afghanistan has banned the broadcast of the hugely popular Indian Premier League (IPL) in the country over the presence of "female audience and spectators" in stadiums.

Ever since the Taliban's takeover of the strife-torn country last month, the international sporting community has been concerned about the fundamentalist group's position on women participating in sports. Former Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) media manager and journalist M Ibrahim Momand said the live broadcast of IPL matches was banned due to possible "anti-Islamic" content.

"Afghanistan national (TV) will not broadcast the @IPL as usual as it was reportedly banned to live the matches resumed tonight due to possible anti-Islam contents, girls dancing & the attendance of barred (sic) hair women in the (stadium) by Islamic Emirates of the Taliban," Momand had tweeted on Sunday.

Journalist Fawad Aman, who has also served as spokesperson of Ministry of Defence as per his Twitter handle, wrote, "Taliban have warned that Afghan media outlets should not broadcast the Indian Cricket League due to girls dancing and the presence of female audience and spectators in stadiums."

## Taliban appoints new CEO

**AP ADDS:** The Taliban have sacked the executive director of Afghanistan's cricket board. Hamid Shinwari posted on his official Facebook page that he had been fired by Anas Haqqani, the younger brother of Interior Minister Sirajuddin Haqqani.

He said he was not given any reason for his dismissal, but was told he would be replaced by Naseebullah Haqqani.

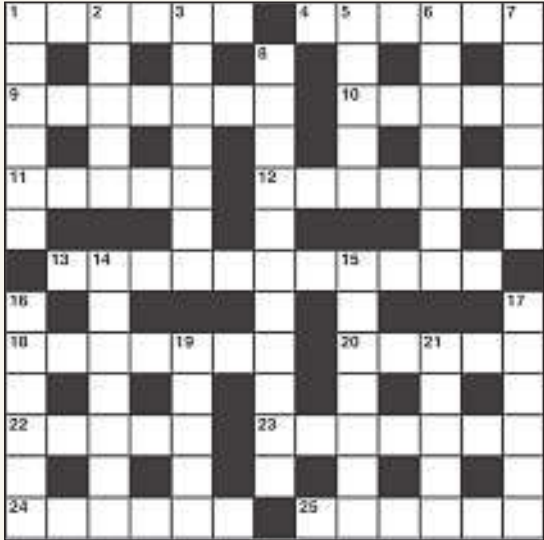
It isn't clear if the new Afghanistan Cricket Board chief is a relative of Sirajuddin Haqqani, who is sought by the FBI for questioning in connection with several high profile attacks on Kabul during the Taliban's 20-year war with successive US-backed governments. The official Facebook page of the Afghanistan Cricket Board also announced Naseebullah Haqqani as the new executive director.



Naseebullah Haqqani is the new Afghan cricket board CEO.

Twitter/@ACBOfficials

## CROSSWORD 4541



### ACROSS

- 1 Fools a politician in such confusion (6)
- 4 A thousand new clues might (6)
- 9 Imagine a portrait (7)
- 10 Demand by miners after a strike (5)
- 11 Infant raised to do simple arithmetic (3,2)
- 12 I'm badly upset by such a drive (7)
- 13 A graphic description? (4,7)
- 18 Stumble on crude oil and acquire foreign capital (7)
- 20 External route maybe (5)
- 22 Heads on the floor? What's up? (5)
- 23 Is inane perhaps and remains so (7)
- 24 He failed to turn the tide of history (6)
- 25 Fly from a mixed double set (6)

### DOWN

- 1 New top ace writer from America (6)
- 2 Kind of diamond not reduced in price (5)
- 3 Made a choice and flopped down (7)
- 5 Turn can up to take top off (5)
- 6 Ship that goes by land (7)
- 7 To catch men she dressed up (6)
- 8 It sounds very like the truth (11)
- 14 There is nothing to restrict the view (7)
- 15 The American quarter? (3,4)
- 16 Make a cat sit still (6)
- 17 Remain perfectly still and go cold all over (6)
- 19 Notes a difference of the start (5)
- 21 Light shade in which there's a blemish (5)

**Solutions Crossword 4540:** Across: 1 Protest, 5 Hoard, 8 Queer goings-on, 9 Erase, 10 Gourmet, 11 Chaste, 12 Specks, 15 Arch-foe, 17 Admit, 19 Counterattack, 20 Lotus, 21 Tuesday. Down: 1 Pique, 2 Open an account, 3 Earnest, 4 Trough, 5 Hindu, 6 Assume command, 7 Denotes, 11 Chancel, 13 Plastre, 14 Regret, 16 Fates, 18 Tokay.

## JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

Truth is what stands the test of \_\_\_\_ - Einstein (10)

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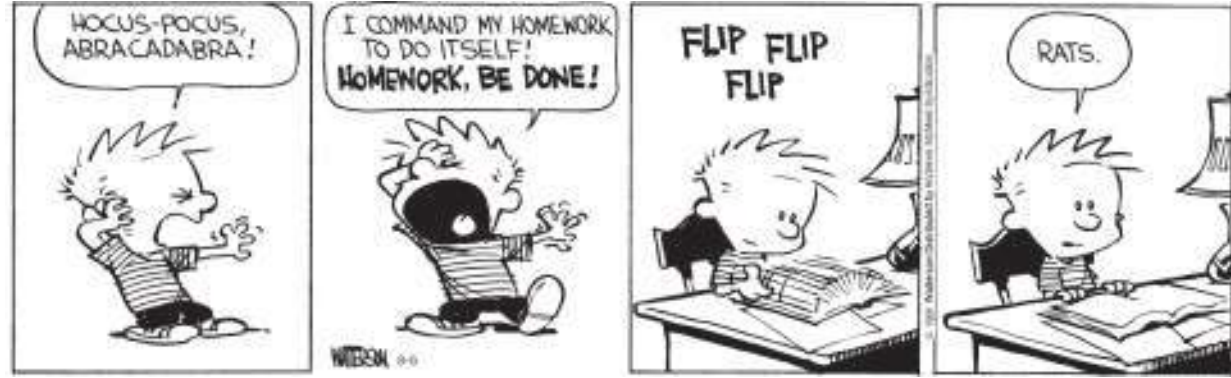


ANSWER: TRUTH IS WHAT STANDS THE TEST OF EXPERIENCE - EINSTEIN

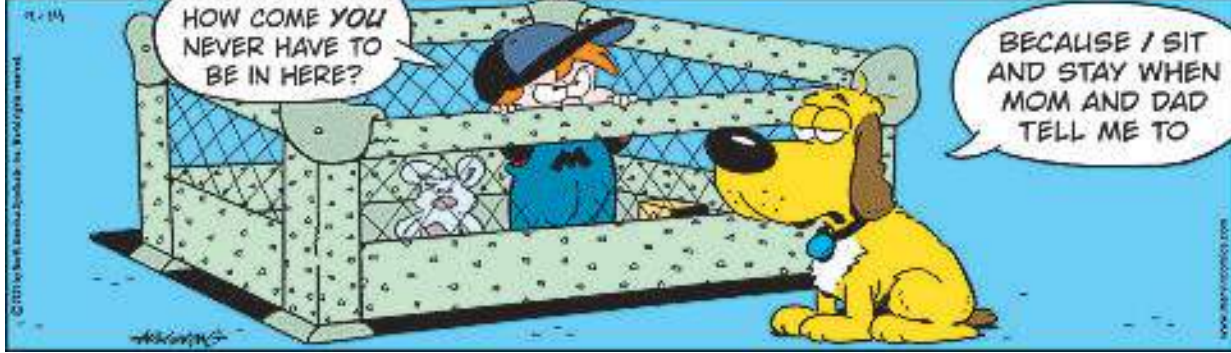
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## SUDOKU 4602

Difficulty Level (1s)

Instructions

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level

1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius



## SOLUTION SUDOKU 4601



## DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

### ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

You must come back to the fact that Mars' current aspects are not the easiest from your point of view. However, if you've been in your present rut for far too long, expect to be forced to adapt to the future and shaken out of your complacent attitudes.

### TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)

There's little to be gained from pursuing private vendettas or doubting other people's sincerity. Look after your own health and make your peace of mind the number one priority. Leave partners to battle it out. After all, their problems are not necessarily the same as yours.

### GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

The implications of today's financial transactions could be with you for a very long time. You may have difficulty weathering the storm, and you must believe that the eventual outcome will be worth every ounce of effort. In love, remember one thing, it's OK to be a dreamer.

### CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

This is hardly the smoothest of days socially, although if you're in a mood for danger you might enjoy the frayed nerves which seem to be keeping partners on the go. Make time to pursue your creative interests, perhaps picking up on an ambition you've ignored for far too long.

### LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

Frankly, it's not the best day to start sorting your life out, yet this could be just what is needed. Like your close partners, you must now adopt a radically different approach if you are to start afresh. In the meantime, clear up those last remaining overdue chores.

### VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23)

If partners are suffering business anxieties, the chances are that you can come up with the right answers. This is not a day to prevaricate and waste time. So get on with it and go straight to the heart of the problem. And don't panic if you hit a delay, it's to be expected.

### LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23)

You're on a positive path. It's inevitable that sooner or later you were bound to have to face up to emotional complications. Keep your act together and everything should work out fine. If you're tempted to sacrifice all for a relationship, make sure you've got a get-out clause.

### SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

Current planetary aspects are bringing tensions to the surface, but somehow you seem set to gain from the general mood. Turn your attention to educational, travel and legal questions. In other words, begin to tackle far-sighted issues, the ones which are going to carry your life forward one major step.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)

If you are aiming for a confrontation to clear the air, the moment may have passed. However, there are still questions to be asked and answered. This is no time to indulge in financial risks, at least not until you've made absolutely sure that you can't lose.

### CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

The calming influence of Venus, planet of love and harmony, is still with you, though not for much longer. At least you may be spared the worst of the arguments that seem to be in the air. It's been a busy year so far, and you'll soon be able to put your feet up.

### AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

You're not always that good at controlling your feelings, but one quality that will now come into play is your skill in understanding human motivations. Take your time and move forward with sensitivity, for it will be all too easy to forget your obligations to others.

### PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

When passion is in the air you can never be sure which way it's going to turn. It may now be best to quietly take responsibility for your own affairs and avoid those issues which are likely to come between you and a close partner. Good relationships are worth more than anything.



PLAYING TONIGHT

**IPL:** Delhi Capitals vs Sunrisers Hyderabad, 7.30pm, Live on Star Sports Network

Ain't over till it's Tyagi's over

With Punjab needing 4 off 6, young pacer concedes just one, scalps two to give Rajasthan an unlikely win



Kartik Tyagi did the star turn for Rajasthan Royals in the final over by taking two Punjab Kings wickets and conceding just one run. [iplt20.com](#)

**SYNOPSIS:** Fearless final over scripts Royal heist as Punjab Kings spurn gift-wrapped win

TUSHAR BHADURI  
SEPTEMBER 21

IT NEEDED six quality deliveries in the last over to salvage a cause which seemed lost for almost the whole of the previous 19 overs. Kartik Tyagi took the ball for the final over with Punjab Kings needing four to win with eight wickets in hand. Post-mortems for another lacklustre Rajasthan Royals display had started much before that.

But the 20-year-old from Hapur had not read the script. With nerves of steel, he proceeded to engineer one of the great escapes in Indian Premier League history as Royals scraped home by two runs despite looking distant second for almost the whole run-chase.

Fearless execution

Punjab Kings needed eight to win from the last two overs. Mustafizur Rahman ensured Tyagi had something to defend in the 20th over, giving away only four. Nicholas Pooran and Aiden Markram didn't take any chances as they rightly thought that sensible batting will get them through.

Tyagi's previous three overs had gone for 28. Though he displayed undeniable promise and talent, the task was thought to be too much for him on a night when Royals' marquee signing Chris Morris went for 47 runs in his four overs. But the Uttar Pradesh lad showed he is one for the crunch. Markram didn't get hold of a full toss first ball, finding the fielder at short cover. A single to fine leg ensued next ball. Then came the game-changing moment when Pooran edged behind trying to find the third-man boundary. New man Deepak Hooda walked across his



Yashasvi Jaiswal of Rajasthan Royals hits a boundary during his knock of 49.

stumps but failed to connect, before being caught behind. It left Fabian Allen to get three off the final ball, but his bat met fresh air as Tyagi delivered a perfect yorker.

Gift spurned

Superb death bowling had earlier given Punjab Kings a chance before Rajasthan Royals almost gift-wrapped the game away with some shoddy fielding, wayward bowling and inexplicable captaincy.

In the field and with ball in hand, Royals had a nightmare. They had three opportunities to get an early breakthrough. Three times, they spurned them. The three offerings grassed were regulation chances at the high level. Evin Lewis, Riyan Parag and Chetan Sakariya got two hands to them before grassing them. It gave KL Rahul and Mayank Agarwal all the encouragement they needed to make the tough-looking target a cakewalk.

Sanju Samson's captaincy and decisions were also baffling. When the situation demanded that one of the frontline bowlers be

POINTS TABLE						
	M	W	L	NRR	Pts	
CSK	8	6	2	+1.223	12	
DC	8	6	2	+0.547	12	
RCB	8	5	3	-0.706	10	
MI	8	4	4	-0.071	8	
RR	8	4	4	-0.154	8	
KKR	8	3	5	+0.110	6	
PBKS	9	3	6	-0.345	6	
SRH	7	1	6	-0.623	2	

I was injured during the India leg of IPL 2021, and when I recovered the tournament got cancelled. I am very happy to get a chance today. I have spoken to seniors for the last few years... everyone said that a game can change anytime. I knew I have the death-overs skills."

KARTIK TYAGI

in operation, he employed part-time spinner Riyan Parag who was taken to the cleaners.

Great effort in vain

Arshdeep Singh had made heads turns since he came into the Punjab Kings side. Bowling the difficult overs – whether in the Powerplay, middle of the innings or the death – the left-arm seamer seemed up for every challenge. He is not blessed with express pace, but has the skills to execute his yorkers, slower balls and other variations.

It remains a mystery why skipper Rahul waited till the sixth over to get Arshdeep on. The left-arm promptly got the breakthrough with a pace-off delivery. It was a

bit of a trend throughout the innings – whenever the innings seem to be getting into orbit, he would bring them down to earth. Liam Livingstone and Mahipal Lomror threatened to take the game away, but perished trying to hit Arshdeep out of the ground. And the tail had little answer when he came to finish the innings off. Figures of 5/32 when he was the fourth bowler brought on just shows what his team would have been chasing without his stellar contribution.

Rahul employed spinners for eight overs which went for as many as 89 runs, bringing just a solitary wicket. In contrast, Arshdeep, Shami (3/21) and Ishan Porel (1/39) got the other nine wickets for 92 in 12 overs. It shows where the damage was done.

Changed approach

Yashasvi Jaiswal was often like a deer caught in the headlights when he played in the IPL earlier. The enforced break may have done the opener some good. Jaiswal seems to have added an aggressive streak to his game. He announced his intentions in the first over bowled by Mohammed Shami.

After a play-and-miss on an attempted cut shot, he found his range for a boundary off a similar shot. And when the star India seamer attacked the body with a short one, Jaiswal didn't take a backward step, going up and over square-leg for another four.

Adil Rashid, making his IPL debut, was the other bowler in the Punjab Kings line-up, but there was not much respect shown. A reverse-swept four and a hit straight down the ground showed his class. But Jaiswal got out off a leading edge looking for a single to get to 50. It resulted in Royals leaving a few runs out there as after Lomror (43 off 17 balls), their lower-middle order rather faded away.

**BRIEF SCORES:** Rajasthan Royals 185 all out in 20 overs (Y Jaiswal 49, M Lomror 43, E Lewis 36; A Singh 5/32, M Shami 3/21) bt Punjab Kings (M Agarwal 67, KL Rahul 49; K Tyagi 2/29) by 2 runs

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Perplexed skipper Samson



Captain Samson was perplexed when Morris went for 25 runs. [iplt20.com](#)

When Chris Morris – IPL's most expensive player ever – bowled one of his more expensive overs ever, Rajasthan Royals captain Sanju Samson could only muster a wry laugh. After a decent first over conceding only six runs, the South African seamer lost his line, and the plot. There were the two half-volleys on the leg stump, deposited into the first and second tier respectively by Mayank Agarwal. Then there were the three grisly wides, prompting three full-

stretch dives from Samson. Samson the wicketkeeper was already vexed. Samson the skipper was equally perplexed. His counterpart Rahul had been dropped thrice in the powerplay and now his lead bowler was struggling. Sporting a helpless grin, Samson ran across to comfort his bowler. Morris eventually got the line and length right on the last ball, and Agarwal lofted him over cover for a boundary. All in all, 25 runs conceded, and the camera never cut to Samson.

Arshdeep's stress-face

Arshdeep Singh is not a tearaway to groan in the follow-through like Shoaib Akhtar or Brett Lee. He bargains his wickets with the change of pace than outright pace. Mid-130kmh at best, but mostly the 125-130 kph bracket. But he does put a lot of effort into his deliveries, especially the release. The run-up, gather and leap are smooth, the release less so. A grunt, and a reverse angle later, his face would contort, the bright eyes leaping out of sockets, the eyebrows shrivelling and lips curling in the strain as he sends down another of his cleverly-designed slower ball. He was dismayed when the fifth ball of his 12th over was called a wide, having already leaked 15. But the extra stress was worth it, as he finally had Liam Livingston acrobatically caught in the deep by Fabian Allen.



Tyagi getting Sanga to jump with joy

Which fast bowler can make the stoic looking Kumar Sangakkara hop, skip and jump with joy? Rajasthan Royals' director of cricket cantered onto the field from the dug out as Kartik Tyagi turned the game on its head in the final over. Tyagi conceded one run and dismissed Nicholas Pooran and Deepak Hooda. The pacer from Dhanaura, Hapur, came to the limelight at the Under-19 World Cup with speed guns at 145 kmph. He had an eventful first over; a referral for caught behind was wasted when ultra edge didn't show anything on Mayank Agarwal's bat, a full toss was dismissed by KL Rahul for a four. Though he didn't have much luck, Tyagi smiled after every delivery. He would have the same smile pasted across his face when kept his cool and got Sanga to loosen up.



Flood or famine, Lewis stays same

Like his idol Chris Gayle, Evan Lewis is six-savvy, and even bettered Gayle's haul in the last edition of the Caribbean Premier League. But unlike the ever-grinning, hyper-expressive Gayle, Lewis seems permanently poker-faced, entirely inexpressive when he bats. The lips barely move, the eyes are stone cold. No shake of his head or shrug of his shoulders. He wore the same sober expression when he brutalised Ishan Porel as well as when Mohammed Shami beat him neck and crop on a couple of instances.

Batsmen are supposed to vent out their anger at least when they get out, especially after a robust start. Not Lewis. He walked away as cold as he had been batting in the middle. An anti-Gayle in



terms of pouring his mind out in the middle. More like another six-hitting Caribbean opener Dwayne Smith.

How Kohli got out against KKR, and his long-standing lbw problem

SRIRAM VEERA  
SEPTEMBER 21

HE HAD just hit Prasidh Krishna for a four – a rasping on-the-up punch through covers off a back of length delivery. In his own words, Virat Kohli expected the next ball to be similar and set himself up for the same shot but was surprised by the nip-backer from a fuller length. His head



What did Kohli say about it?

According to him he got out because he didn't press forward, but predetermined the ball and weight was on his back foot.

"I got out because I predetermined he would bowl a back of length and I would hit a four (through covers)," Kohli said in a post-

match chat with KKR opener Venkatesh Iyer that was posted by KKR.

Kohli was addressing Venkatesh's query about forward press and cited his own dismissal as an example. He also brought up the four he hit the ball before his dismissal. "The ball before I pressed forward and hit an on-the-up boundary". He went on to explain how pressing forward allows a batsman to react better to any length.

"As long as you are pressing forward you are in good position to leave, get under the ball (for the pull) or rock up. You can spring up.. If the base is good, no need to go back also," Kohli said.

Has lbw been an issue with him before?

Yes. Even the struggles in England in 2014 when he kept edging behind the stumps, he had seen it as problem aligned with the lbw issue to an extent. To his balance at the crease due to his hip position that he was trying to get it right for his troubles against the inswingers.

"The problem with me was that I was expecting inswingers too much and opened up my hip a lot more than I should have done. I was constantly looking for the inswinger and was in no position to counter the outswing,"



Virat Kohli had a post-match chat with KKR opener Venkatesh Iyer.

he had once said in an interview with BCCL.tv.

What was the problem as perceived by him, then?

He felt his hips were opening up early because of the back foot position at stance.

"I used to stand at two leg (middle stump) and my stance was pretty closed and then I figured out that after initial movement of the



backfoot, my toe wasn't going towards point rather it was towards cover point, so anyway my hip was opening up initially. So to get the feel of the ball, I had to open up my hip as I was too side on. Anyway, I had too much of a bottom hand grip and I didn't have too much room for my shoulder, to adjust to the line of the ball, so it was getting too late when it swung in front of my eyes," Virat explained.

**As long as you are pressing forward you are in good position to leave, get under the ball (for the pull) or rock up. You can spring up.. If the base is good, no need to go back also."**

VIRAT KOHLI

ON HOW PRESSING FORWARD HELPS BATSMEN

What did he do to course correct?

He widened his stance a bit and realigned his back foot position to ensure his hip didn't open up. "I wanted to make sure that my toe is pointing in point direction rather than cover, that's how I kept my hip nice and side-on and gave myself room. I widened my stance as well so that I have good balance when I wanted to go forward."

Did he take help from Sachin Tendulkar on the forward press?

Yes he did, post that England tour of 2014. "Sachin helped as he told me that I have to approach a fast bowler (forward press) just like you approach a spinner. One has to get

on top of the ball, not worry about pace or swing, you got to get towards the ball and give the ball lesser chance to move around and trouble you. Those advices helped me and became my second nature."

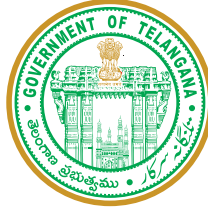
Is that backfoot position, being parallel, towards point, the ideal position?

This is where it gets tricky. In some people's eyes, especially the proponents of open-stance, trying to keep the backfoot totally parallel when he triggers is not helping but part of the problem.

From there, when the hips open, it can reopen a bit too much. And occasionally, it can lead to his head tipping over to the off side, outside the line of the ball to incoming deliveries. That's when the lbw threats escalate.

On the other hand, the proponents of keeping it side-on (with back foot pointing towards point and remaining parallel as Kohli strives) believe that it helps in making sure the shoulder doesn't open too early and balance is better maintained. That they can negotiate the moving ball better from this position, especially if they can get the forward press right.





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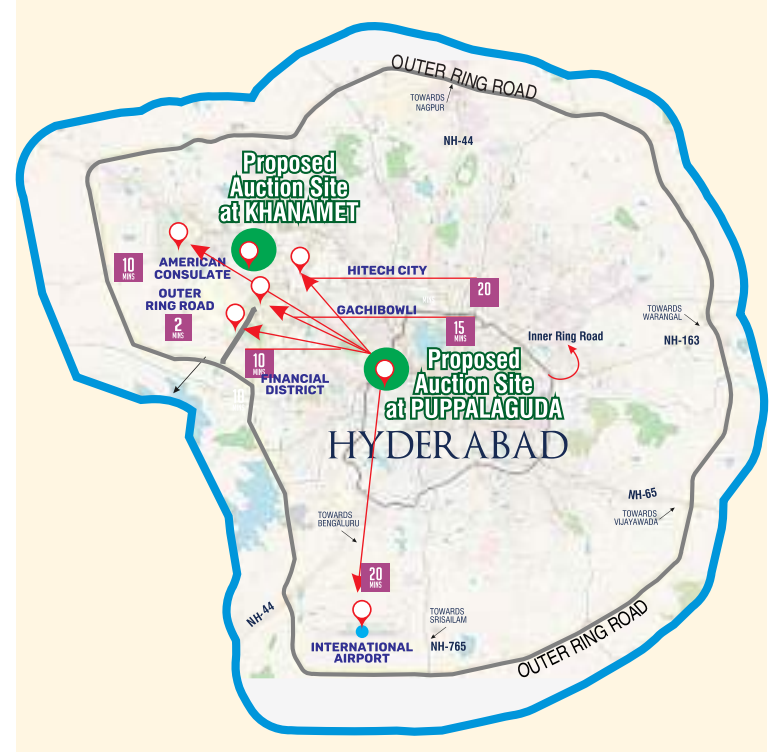
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### E-AUCTION SCHEDULE

#### KHANAMET

Notification	30-8-2021
Pre-Bid Meeting	09-9-2021 @ 11 AM
Last date for Registration	25-9-2021 upto 5 PM
Last date for Payment of EMD	25-9-2021 upto 5 PM
Date & Time of e-Auction	27-9-2021 For Plots 7 to 10, 9 AM to 12 Noon For Plots 11,13,18 to 20, 2 PM to 5 PM



#### PUPPALAGUDA

Notification	30-8-2021
Pre-Bid Meeting	09-9-2021 @ 11AM
Last date for Registration	25-9-2021 upto 5 PM
Last date for Payment of EMD	25-9-2021 upto 5 PM
Date & Time of e-Auction	28-9-2021 For Plots 12 to 26, 9 AM to 12 Noon For Plots 1 to 11, 2 PM to 5 PM



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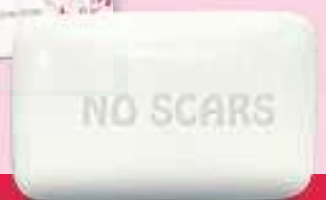
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